Kiwanis
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

Happy May, Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians! Hopefully the weather will start acting more like May. I hope everything is going well for you and your clubs.

The most up-to-date information I have from the Children's Fund is through March 31. I had seven thank you calls to make to clubs that gave in March. I had great conversations with those I was able to speak with. Great things going on in our District!

As of the end of March, our District clubs have donated $18,879. That represents 43.6% of the clubs in Nebraska-Iowa. Individuals have given $22,110 for a total of $41,889. Thank you so much! Just think of all of the children that will help through grants! Thanks also to individuals and/or clubs that took advantage of Giving Friday on April 7 to make a donate to the Children's Fund. Their goal was to raise $45,000 to help 20,000 children. They surpassed that goal raising $57,000 and helping 25,000 children. We are in our final five months of the Kiwanis year. If you and/or your club haven't donated to the Children's Fund yet, please consider donating before the end of September. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact me.

The grant I want to share with you this month was awarded last September to a club right here in the Nebraska-Iowa District. The Kiwanis Club of Florence in Omaha received a grant to help fund their community wide conference on preventing cyberbullying. They understand that besides physical health, a child's mental health is important to their growth and development. They sponsored essay and poster contests and invited guest speakers to raise awareness of how dangerous cyberbullying is for young people. The club also received a grant from the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation to help with this project! Congratulations and great project!

Keep saving those "K Dollars". They make a big difference and are an easy way to save up for a donation.

Thanks for reading and keep up the good work in your communities!

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