KEY CLUB®

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Dear Fellow Kiwanians …

As the District Key Club Administrator, I'm approaching you all for help yet again to support our Key Club member.

This years' tour will be one of a kind. We have been given a grant by the Kiwanis Children's Fund of $4,500.00 for the first time, strictly to promote the trip. The Key Club Board voted to use the funds to promote and encourage attendees. They felt that this was a very fair way to use the funds, and it encouraged early registrations. As I've tried to remind them, this is what "student-led" is all about.

This year's event has an incredible experience for the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club attendees to celebrate! Sophia Wang of Lincoln East High has been endorsed as a Trustee Candidate and students from Nebraska-Iowa will be working hard to campaign for her.

Again, we thank Governor John Boltz for committing himself to travel with the students. Both Cooper and I plan to be at the Kiwanis Convention in Pittsburg prior to the International Key Club. We have (new) Assistant District Administrator Audrey Ideus-Wonder who will also be helping. The three of us will fly into Orlando the day before the students (from Kiwanis International) and see them into the hotel as they arrive.

Again, this year some of these Key Club members are able to afford to pay for their costs or at least a portion of them. Some cannot – even with the help of the grant. I'm asking you as Kiwanians for your help. I would like to, for the first time, commit all donations from Kiwanis clubs to cover at least 2 meals per day.

Many clubs have told me that they either don't sponsor a Key Club or their youth budget has been awaiting the opportunity, or their Key Clubs that they do sponsor haven't approached them for support. This is how those clubs can help!

If you do not sponsor a Key Club, this is your opportunity to HELP! Any amount of support is helpful! Please discuss with your board or club members to see what your club might be able to help with.

If you have budgeted funds that haven't been used yet for a Service Leadership Program (SLP) please consider helping out! ANY amount of help is appreciated!

If you have your own Key Club that you sponsor, please encourage them to attend the International Convention with your financial support. Kiwanis Advisors are able to communicate with the Faculty Advisor and encourage attendance and declare support from your club. I promise that they will experience a once-in-a-lifetime event! If representative(s) from the Key Club are not able to commit, please help out financially.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call me! Any financial support can be made out to **NE-IA KEY CLUB** and mailed directly to me at 6125 Rosebud Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516. **If you would like to make a donation** through the District Foundation, give me a call. We can take that payment via credit card or cash.

Sincerely,

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