

Children's Fund News

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Happy November, Nebraska-Iowa District Kiwanians!

It's a beautiful time of year with the leaves finally changing color. I hope you and your clubs are all doing well.

The Possibility Project is off to a great start! Thanks to all of your clubs that have welcomed your area Possibility Project champion to your meetings to learn more about this new Kiwanis Children's Fund project. Two more clubs in Nebraska-Iowa have signed on as IMPACT Clubs. Those are clubs who have committed to raising an average of \$500 per member over five years. The two new ones this month are Iowa City Old Capitol and Nevada.

Does being an IMPACT club mean you collect \$500 from each member? No. You may specify funds in your club budget or designate funds from a current or new fundraiser. Individuals may choose to donate as well. Please invite your area champion to do a program at a meeting to share information about the project. Lt. Governors, please include your champion on the agenda of your Division Council meetings. Consider requesting a grant from the Children's Fund to help with a project you want to do for the children in your community. If your club has 35 or fewer members, you are eligible to apply for a microgrant. Links to both grant programs are in previous newsletter articles. Contact me with questions.

I recently made thank you calls to clubs for their donations to The Children's Fund towards the end of our Kiwanis year. I appreciate all of you and the work you do for children in your communities.

The grant I have to share with you this month is from the Kiwanis Club of Third District—New Orleans. For the past 10 years or so, this club has cooked a meal every month with adolescent girls living at Raintree Children's Group Home. Recently, after discovering the temperature control in the oven was broken, they applied for a Children's Fund Microgrant to repair the thermostats so they can continue this activity with the girls.

And, add to your donation by saving "K" Dollars.

Thanks for reading.