

# Children's Fund News

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Happy April Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians! Flowers are blooming, trees are budding, we got rain instead of snow, track and soccer seasons have started. Life is good!



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I was able to get a list of clubs that donated to the Children's Fund in February and part of March. I made 15 thank you calls. I enjoyed visiting with some of you on the phone. Great things are happening in Nebraska-Iowa! So far this Kiwanis year, 51 Nebraska-Iowa clubs have donated \$16,069.27. Thank you so much! The next scheduled time that I will receive an update on Club Annual Gifts will be in May.

Distinguished Member criteria has been publicized for the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year. One of the possible ways to be a Distinguished Member is to donate personally to the Children's Fund or District Foundation. Consider making an individual donation to help you receive this award.

Distinguished Club criteria has also been publicized. A club gift to both the district and international foundations takes care of two of the five criteria needed to become a Distinguished Club. Consider making those donations as a club so you can receive this award.

The grant I would like to share with you this month comes from Libertad, Panama. The club will provide dining furniture, kitchen utensils, and appliances for the dining room at a local primary school. They are also going to provide paint and food. Many children in the area are food insecure and often do not have meals at home. The club will partner with government agencies, local companies and other organizations to create a nutrition program that is self-sustaining. The school will have vegetable gardens and a poultry farm. Wow! What a great project!

Keep saving those "K" Dollars. They add up pretty quickly! Use them for your individual donation or give them to your club to help with the club donation. It's an easy way to donate.

As always, if you have questions about the Children's Fund, please contact me.

Thanks for reading this.