

Additional Signature Project Contest Entries Group II (28 members or greater members)



Kiwanis Club of Atlantic

Bike Helmets for Third Graders in Cass County, 28th year

Primary focus: Safety Service Project

About the project: Kids in third grade in our county's three school districts and home schooled kids get helmets. We have now added a bike rescue program.



Kiwanis Club of Ames

Holiday Gift Wrap and Letters to Santa, 14th year

Primary focus: Gift Wrap Fundraiser and Holiday Service Project

About the project: Gift wrap meets the needs of shoppers who do not like to wrap gifts, want a specialty wrapped gift, or wish to "hide" a gift while shopping with the recipient. ... Santa Letters is a subcommittee of Gift Wrap and members stop every day to pick up the letters to make sure we get the responses in the mail quickly.



Kiwanis Club of Vinton

Christmas Party for Special Needs Kids, 30th year

Primary focus: serving special needs kids from local school district

About the project: We work closely with the local school staff to identify the students for the project. Our member committee purchases a specific gift for each child. Our members wrap the gifts. One of our members is the Santa Claus. We bring in the students to the local restaurant for a meal and then Santa and his elf appear to hand out the gifts



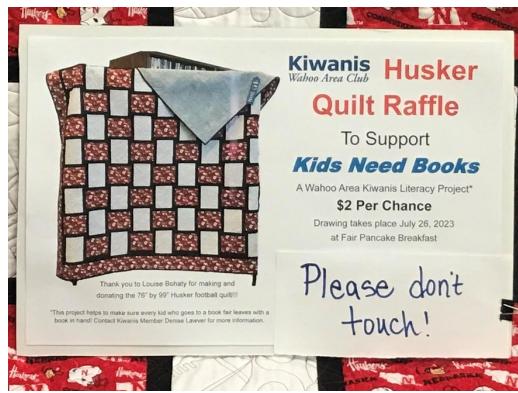
Kiwanis of Florence, Omaha

Mental Health for Children, 2nd year

Primary focus: Mental health

About the project: The population targeted were fifth and sixth grade students. The purpose was to open up discussions about mental health and managing emotions or "big feeling". The children are taught about help-seeking behavior and are provided with resources and support.

Additional Signature Project Contest Entries Group I (27 members or fewer)



Kiwanis Club of Wahoo Area
Kids Need Books, 3rd year

Primary focus: Literacy, education service project, with fundraiser alongside

About the project: The primary population being served through this project are students who may otherwise not be able to afford purchasing a book from our local, elementary school book fairs. The families of these students would generally qualify for free or reduced lunch. By providing a book for students in need, we hope to encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!



Kiwanis Club of North Platte
Pasta for Pantries, 30th year

Primary focus: Fundraiser for hunger

About the project: The North Platte Kiwanis club completed the 30th year of the Pasta for Pantry Project averaging \$5,000 per year. We have averaged \$6,500 the last 3 years and all of that money was distributed to the 5 pantries; \$1,500 to the High School Pantry, Grace Ministries, Catholic Churches Pantries and Salvation Army. \$500 to the Hershey/Sutherland Pantry. The pantries have been very good the last few years coming to our meeting and telling us about what their pantry is doing as part of our program and the checks being presented at the end of our meeting.