Children's Fund News

By Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher

Hello Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians and Happy May!

April was another good month for the Kiwanis Children's Fund and the Possibility Project! Coralville-Corridor Kiwanis of Division 14 committed to being an IMPACT Club for the Possibility Project! That makes nine for our District. Thanks to all of our Possibility Project Champions who have worked hard to educate clubs about this project! They are continuing to contact clubs to do programs. Please invite your Champion to present at your meeting. If your club has a project with which you could use some assistance, please consider applying for a Children's Fund grant.

In the April report, it shows that Nebraska-Iowa has donated $252,786.56 in cash and pledges. Total raised worldwide in cash and pledges is nearing $8 million US dollars. Thanks to all of you who have donated as clubs and/or individuals.

The grant I would like to share with you this month comes from Michigan. The Kiwanis Club of Morenci works with the city, a local church, and the school district to host a Back-to-School Bash every year. Elementary students and families are invited to come for games, free school supplies, shop from local vendors, and enjoy food prepared by the area school cafeteria staff. Great collaboration! Sounds like a lot of fun!

I hope clubs applied for a $250 grant from the District to help with Mental Health in children and youth in your community. Those funds were made possible by a grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund that our District received in the amount of $4,333, which is 5% of donations from our District clubs and individuals during the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year. Thanks to your donations last year, we have the ability to improve the lives of many children and youth in Nebraska and Iowa. Thank you!

Don't forget to save those "K" Dollars to donate to your club for the Children's Fund, or send on your own as an individual gift! It all adds up!

Thanks for reading!