



Happy December Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians,

As I'm writing this, some of you are getting snow. Here in Nevada, we have had drizzle, a little freezing rain for a few minutes, and now we're getting flurries. That's supposed to be all we get. The wind sure is blowing though!

November was a good month for the Children's Fund. The report for club giving so far this Kiwanis year has not been generated at this time so I don't have an exact amount of donations from Nebraska-Iowa. Club gifts to date are \$6,648. I had one thank you call to make in October and 19 calls to clubs that donated in November. Thanks!

I enjoyed visiting with people about how their clubs are doing. I am also calling clubs to thank them for donating in the past and ask them to consider donating again this year. All club and individual donations enable the Children's Fund to award grants to clubs that have a project benefitting their children. All of you do great things for the children in your communities. It's wonderful when you also reach out to help clubs in other parts of the Kiwanis world to help them help their children. After all, that's what they are doing for us when they donate to the Children's Fund.

The grant I would like to share this month is from Martinique. The Kiwanis Club of Arc en Ciel (Rainbow) began giving out 35 breakfast baskets to children in the most need on Kiwanis One Day in 2021. Now at the beginning of each school year, children receive special breakfast bags, school supplies and a haircut. They also give out breakfast bags on the 24th of each month. Every two months, they share breakfast with children and their parents. Materials about the importance of good nutrition are given at these breakfasts. Since October 2021, the club has distributed over 1,000 breakfast bags. This project has been a great membership retention project as members can see how important they are to the children in their community. Imagine if there was no Kiwanis club in that town. They are making a huge impact.

Keep saving "K" dollars. Send them to the Children's Fund as an individual donation or give them to your treasurer to supplement your club annual gift.

Thanks for reading! Have a great Holiday Season and all the best in 2023!

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