Children's Fund News

By Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher

Kiwanis CHILDREN'S FUND

Happy April Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians! I hope all of you and your clubs are well!

I have updates about The Possibility Project from The Children's Fund. We had our District Chair meeting recently. Progress is being made. The total raised through March 31 is $10,556,833.30. We are closing in on nearly half of our goal. Nebraska-Iowa has donated $478,768.10. Thanks for the generosity of clubs and individuals!

Our Central Region Development Director, Ally Bright, will be visiting April 21-24 with leadership of some clubs In Central and Eastern Iowa. She's a great asset to The Children's Fund staff. She has recently been to Texas-Oklahoma and is looking forward to visiting Iowa. George Cook and I plan to join her on some of the visits. I look forward to seeing some of you and getting a chance to share about The Possibility Project. I am also hoping to attend some Division Council meetings in future months.

The grant story I would like to share with you this month comes from Highland, Indiana and satisfies the Children's Fund cause of Education and Literacy. The Highland Kiwanis Club works with the school to read to Kindergarten students and give each of them a free book. They try to coordinate their visits with Scholastic Book Fairs. Members read to the classes, and each child gets to choose a book. The grant from the Children's Fund helped the club purchase 500 books. Great idea!

Don't forget about the Children's Fund District Grant our District received to help clubs create projects that assist with mental health issues in children and youth. Applications are on the District Website. They must be in by May 1.

Thanks for reading and for all you do for children and youth!