Kiwanis
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

Happy October, Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!

Fall is here and it has been beautiful so far. Our 2021-2022 year has ended. I have the club giving report through most of September. Thank you so much to all of you who donated to the Children's Fund this past year, as a club, an individual, or both. Every dollar made a difference in the lives of children and families! I appreciate your generosity so much! As you know 15% of our giving comes back to our District in the form of a grant to benefit youth in Nebraska-Iowa. This past year the grant was used to give scholarships to graduating Key Club members, Key Leader, retractable banners for use at Key Leader and Service Leadership Program activities throughout the year and Eliminate. Thanks to the Nebraska-Iowa District Board for their decision regarding the use of the grant.

The recipient of a Children's Fund grant that I would like to share with you this month is the Kiwanis Club of Alcoa, Tennessee. They heard that the Blount Memorial Hospital's pediatric rehabilitation unit had some specific needs. They received a grant from the Children's Fund Pediatric Medicine Support Grant. This is a new grant made possible by the generosity of two classes of Past District Governors. These grants support local children's hospitals and pediatric units in other hospitals. The club in Alcoa used grant funds to purchase equipment that will help children undergoing physical, speech, and occupational therapy at Blount Memorial Hospital. Thousands of children will be helped in becoming more successful and independent. Does your club work with an area children's hospital or pediatric unit in an area hospital? Consider applying for a Pediatric Medicine Support Grant.

Thank you for a successful Kiwanis year in helping children, both locally and around the world through your generosity to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. We have made a difference in so many lives! I'm always proud to say I represent the Nebraska-Iowa District. We all have servant hearts and a strong desire to help children no matter where they live.

All the best to all of you in 2022-2023!

Jody Melcher
Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair