



Hello Fellow Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians,

We're a little way into August now. I hope all of your clubs are doing well with less than two months left in our Kiwanis year. At District Convention, it was nice to put names to faces for some of you that I have called over the past few years about the Children's Fund.

I made two thank you calls recently that were from donations part way through July. The club tracker and club gift reports are still from June 30. I suspect they will be updated through July 31 in the next week or two. We are continuing to make progress with club donations. Thanks for your generosity. You have the rest of August and September to send your club gifts if you haven't already. Also, still time to make an individual gift.

On our last District Chair Zoom meeting we found out that during this Kiwanis year, the Children's Fund gave grants totaling \$340,815 to 49 club projects. \$27,765 was given to 39 clubs through the Microgrant project. Our donations, both club and individual, do make a huge impact on children in all parts of our Kiwanis world. Thank you!

It's time for clubs to start working on budgets for next year. A lot of clubs put the Children's Fund in their annual budget. That helps because it's already accounted for, and the Treasurer can just send the check without board action. If you do not budget for the Children's Fund, please consider doing so. Some clubs give \$5 or \$6 per member on Oct. 1. Others give more or less. Whatever your club can do is appreciated.

To help with your club donation, consider asking members to save "K" Dollars to help with your club donation. If every member found and turned in five "K" Dollars, your club would have a nice donation. I've been saving mine since last October and have \$93 already. It doesn't take long for them to add up. I heard from another club in our District that is asking members to save their "K" Dollars. They are given to the club toward its donation to The Children's Fund! Great! Thanks!

Thanks for reading!

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Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair