



Happy almost spring Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians! Let's hope the weather starts being more spring-like!

We are making good progress with club donations to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Thank you to the clubs that donated in February. Your club gifts are appreciated. So far this Kiwanis year, 55 clubs have donated \$17,619 to the Children's Fund. There have been \$3663 in individual donations. Thanks so much to the individuals who have donated. I know all of the clubs and individuals that donate do a lot of good things for children in their communities. It's great that you also help other clubs help the children in their communities through your donations. There are so many needs in our world today. We can do so much to help with a donation of any size. All donations make a difference for children. Thanks for considering a donation at some point this Kiwanis year.

The grant I want to share with you this month is a microgrant that was received by the Kiwanis Club of Wayne, Nebraska. Microgrants are for clubs of 35 or less members. They range anywhere from \$250 to \$1,000. Grant requests received by the first of any month are processed by the 15th. The Wayne Kiwanis Club found out that there were many children in their community on waiting lists for preschool. Using the microgrant from the Children's Fund, they are partnering with a new, local preschool to provide books, mats, beanbag chairs, puzzles and games to help make an educational and creative space in the new preschool. Members of the Kiwanis Club will help install equipment. They will also visit the preschool monthly to read to the children. It is hoped that more children will be able to attend the preschool in the future. For more information on microgrants, go to the Children's Fund tab on [kiwanis.org](http://kiwanis.org) and scroll down to impact. There, you can learn more about grants.

I'll send my first of two donations to the Children's Fund this month. My K-Dollars will help with what I send. Keep saving your K-Dollars if you already are and start saving them if you haven't. It's an easy way to donate to the Children's Fund. Send them yourself as an individual gift or collect them from your club's members to make your club gift.

Thanks for reading!

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