Children's Fund News

By Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher

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Happy December Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!

I hope all of you and your clubs are doing well. It's a busy time of year. I'm sure some of your clubs have projects benefiting children and families during the Holiday Season.

Great things are happening with the Children's Fund. The December Possibility Project update came out recently. So far, our district has contributed $77,339 for this project. Overall, the amount raised worldwide is just under $6,000,000. We are making great progress. Thanks to all of the clubs that have pledged to be Impact Clubs. Thanks to all of the clubs that have sent in their Annual Club Gift. And, last but not least, thanks to all of the individuals who have contributed! Working together we can make a difference!

Champions continue to go out to clubs to inform them about the Possibility Project. It's important for your clubs to have them speak to you. You will decide whether or not you want to donate if you haven't in the past, donate the same as you've donated, more than you've donated before, become an Impact Club, and/or request a grant. If you invite your champion to do a program on the project, you will be able to ask questions and make an informed decision on your club's involvement.

Many times, when I go out to speak to a club, they want to know about grants that have been awarded. I try to include one in each newsletter article. The grant I'd like to highlight this month was received by Southwest Omaha. They worked with K-Kids, Key Club, and their families to create "Hope Totes". These are for children going into or transitioning within the foster care system. They hope to support mental health during this time by giving the children hygiene kits, stuffed animals, flashlights, blankets, and books. All of these items are placed in a bag the children can use. The Children's Fund grant helped buy these items. This is an outstanding project that fits into our district mental health goal.

Don't forget "K" Dollars! Great way to donate! Thanks for reading!

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