

# Children's Fund News

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Happy New Year, Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!

I hope all of you had a great Holiday Season and are looking forward to great things for your clubs and the children in Nebraska-Iowa in 2025!

We have not received a December report on the Possibility Project yet. With the holidays it may be a little delayed.

Some of your clubs have had a program presented by your Possibility Project champion. If you have, thank you for inviting your champion to speak to your club. If you haven't please consider scheduling your champion as a program if he/she contacts you. We are making progress. The last report I have is that nearly \$6,000,000 has been raised!

The grant I would like to share with you this month is from the Kiwanis Club of Bachten de Kupe in Belgium. In their area, one in eight children are faced with food insecurity. The number continues to grow. The club has been using surplus food from farms and businesses to put into packages of food for about 1,000 children in need. With the growing numbers, they turned to the Children's Fund to request a grant so they could keep up with the demand. With the grant, they were able to buy a larger refrigerator for storage. This has enabled them to double the number of children served with this project.

There are many grocery stores in our Central Iowa area that donate surplus food. Food Rescue here in Nevada and also in Ames is a seven-days a week effort. I'm sure it's going on elsewhere in Nebraska-Iowa. It's a great way to help with food insecurity. I would be interested in hearing from you about what's happening in your communities with Food Rescue.

Keep saving those "K" Dollars to donate to the Children's Fund. The annual Day of Giving will be coming up in February. All donations, no matter the size, are appreciated!

Thanks for reading!

Jody