Children's Fund News

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Kiwanis CHILDREN'S FUND

Good afternoon Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians,

The September Possibility Project Report came recently, and the project is looking good. Michael Malik said that to date, $8,970,000 million U.S. dollars have been raised. This past fiscal year, over $1 million was given to more than 250 clubs in grants. If your club has a project that could use more funding, don't forget the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Nebraska-Iowa clubs and individuals have donated $265,215.25 in cash and pledges. Clubs that have committed to being IMPACT Clubs account for $209,500 of that total. Thanks! It's not too late to commit to being an IMPACT Club. Remember that from the date your club commits, you have five years to fulfill that commitment. In that total is also $2,396.40 that is credited to Nebraska-Iowa from other sources and $4,362.27 from clubs that have closed.

The grant I would like to share this month comes from Charlevoix, Michigan. They have always supported their schools with books for their libraries and for kids to take home. Now, the Charlevoix Elementary School has begun offering a social and emotional learning curriculum. The Kiwanis Club is using a Children's Fund Grant to donate books that will enhance academic learning as well as overall wellbeing. Issues that will be addressed include anxiety, depression, as well as difficulties with social-emotional development. The club coordinated efforts with teachers, counselors, librarians, authors, and more. Books are available in classrooms and for check-out. Great idea!

"K" Dollars (dollar bills with K in the serial number) are a great way to enhance your own individual giving. Or challenge members of your club to donate their "K" Dollars to add to the club annual gift, or make a donation to The Children's Fund for the first time. It's always fun to look for "K" Dollars!

Thanks for reading!