

# Children's Fund News

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Happy May, Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!

I hope all is well in your clubs and communities.

I haven't received the Children's Fund April 30 report so am not able to update you on the progress of the Possibility Project. I will do that in my next newsletter article in June. I know many of your clubs and individuals donated to The Children's Fund in April and I want to express my gratitude.

On April 21, George Cook and I were able to spend time with our Central Area Director of Development, Ally Bright, and meet with people in the Des Moines area to talk about The Children's Fund. Some meetings were to thank individuals for their continued support of The Children's Fund and its programs. Others were to share information about the Possibility Project to clubs that hadn't had a formal presentation about it. We enjoyed the meetings we were able to attend and the people we got to meet. Thanks to those clubs that were represented in those visits. We were impressed by all that you do for the kids in your communities and being able to talk about Children's Fund grants that can help with what you are already doing, and with projects you are thinking about starting.

Ally was in Iowa four days. She enjoyed meeting everyone and was amazed at all that is being done for youth in Nebraska-Iowa. If your Possibility Project Champion reaches out to your club to request an opportunity to present information to your club, please say yes. You'll receive great information and stories about its success to date. What you do with the information is up to you and your club. At the very least, you will know more about the project and how it is helping clubs help children and youth. Champions and the divisions they serve are listed below:

Jim Davies—Hampton—Divisions 1, 6

Pam Henderson—Alta—Divisions 2, 3, 4

Jody Melcher—Nevada—Divisions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Emily Wageman—Fremont—Division 12

Brian Wells—Bellevue—Division 13

George Cook—Lincoln—Divisions 14, 15

Division 16 does not have a Champion. George Cook spoke at a couple of meetings. If you haven't had a presentation and would like one, please contact me.

The grant I'd like to share with you this month comes from Grafton, North Dakota, in our Central Area. It satisfies the Children's Fund cause of Health and Nutrition. The club partnered with their local hospital to provide equipment for the new pediatric sensory gym. It helps children with specialized care and resources for the Pediatric Therapy Program. Hundreds of children have been impacted. Do you have a local children's hospital or a regular hospital with a pediatric wing that might have needs you could help fulfill with a Children's Fund grant?

It's fun when I am out and about in Nebraska-Iowa, to hear about clubs and individuals that are saving "K" Dollars. It was a great idea from the Texas-Oklahoma District that I passed along to you. I'm still saving mine and sending them to The Children's Fund when I have accumulated \$100. If you aren't saving yours, maybe it's time to start. Every dollar makes a positive impact on a child's life.

Thanks for reading!