

Children's Fund News

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Hello Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!



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We are into the final month of our 2023-2024 Kiwanis year. Wow! Where has the year gone? I hope your clubs have all been successful in what you set out to accomplish for the kids in your communities. When I read The Kiwanian and the News From Clubs Around the District, I'm amazed at the projects that are being done here to help children! Our children who have a Kiwanis Club in town are very fortunate to live in Nebraska-Iowa! I know our District Leadership is working hard to start Kiwanis Clubs where there aren't any so that we can spread the service to more children. I'm sending lots of positive vibes to those New Club Builders!

The Possibility Project that I explained last month is off and running. I recently got an updated report on how Nebraska-Iowa Clubs are doing in supporting this effort to raise \$25,000,000 to impact the lives of 10,000,000 children in our own communities. As you recall, all club and individual donations since Oct. 1, 2022 have gone towards the Possibility Project. As of the end of August, Nebraska-Iowa clubs have donated \$179,711.29. That's outstanding! Remember, there is no District Pledge for this project and the only Club Recognition opportunity is to be an Impact Club—sign up to raise an average of \$500 dollars per member.

Do you assess every member \$500? No. Your club donation, any individual donations, and any funds raised towards the project count for the \$500 per member average. The Champion for each area will pass along information about how individual clubs and divisions are doing in raising funds. Does your club have an idea for raising funds for this project that you would be willing to share? Let your Champion know.

Jim Davies of Hampton—Divisions 1, 2, 8

Pam Henderson of Alta—Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6

Lyle Weber of Iowa City Old Capitol—Divisions 9, 10, 14, 15

Jody Melcher of Nevada—Divisions 11, 12, 13, 16

Brian Wells of Bellevue—Divisions 17, 20

Emily Wageman of Fremont—Divisions 18, 19

George Cook of Lincoln Northeast—Divisions 21, 22N, 22S, 23

Divisions 23, 24—pending.

Lt. Governors, please put your Champion on the agenda at your first Division Council meeting so he/she may share information about the Possibility Project with clubs present. Congratulations to George Cook. He is the first Champion, not only in Nebraska-Iowa, but also in the CENTRAL REGION to sign up an Impact Club! Woohoo George! Lincoln Northeast signed a commitment to raise an average of \$500 per member! Thank you, George and thank you Lincoln Northeast!

An easy way to raise funds for your club to donate is to save those "K" Dollars. Ask your members to save theirs and either donate them individually or donate them to your club to send in as an extra donation from your club. I generally collect about \$200 a year in "K" Dollars. It helps that I work at Worldly Goods once a week. I raid the cash register and trade out my regular dollars for "K" Dollars that I find.

Quick links for requesting a grant from the Children's Fund.

Club Grant Program: [Club Grant Program | Kiwanis International](#)

Microgrant Program: [Microgrant Program | Kiwanis International](#)

Have a great ending to your Kiwanis year. As always, if you have questions about the Children's Fund, please contact me!