Children's Fund News

By Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher

Hello Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians! I hope all of you are well getting along okay in the heat.

Thank you for your generosity to the Kiwanis Children's Fund in July. At District Convention, Lenora reported that Nebraska-Iowa had given over $300,000 to the Possibility Project so far, and $8,110,000 has been raised towards the $25 million goal. That's great!

We still have 10 IMPACT clubs in the district. If your club would like information about how to become an IMPACT Club, please contact me. I will put you in touch with your Possibility Project Champion. Remember, you have five years from the time you commit to being an IMPACT Club to reach your goal.

Don't forget about Children's Fund grants. Nearly $1 million has been given in grants so far. Wow! If your club has a project that needs more funding, consider requesting a Children's Fund grant. There is the traditional grant, and the Microgrant. The Microgrant is for clubs with 35 or less members. The maximum ask is $1,000. They are given monthly while traditional grants are given twice a year. Whenever your request is received, it will be put into the next cycle.

The grant I would like to tell you about is from Daphne-Spanish Fort, Alabama. The Children's Fund Cause it meets is Youth Leadership Development. The Kiwanis Club hosts a program for at-risk middle school students. They learn about self-respect, setting goals, conflict resolution, and accountability. The program lasts 10 weeks. At the end of the 10 weeks, participants present their five year goals and go through graduation. Eighty students were impacted! The Children's Fund grant enabled the club to expand this program to more schools. What a great idea!

Don't forget to save those "K" Dollars. If you or your club aren't saving them yet, start. It's a good way to donate to The Children's Fund.

Thanks for reading!