# Children's Fund News

**By Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher**

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Happy June, Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians! It is so nice to have warmer and longer days! I hope all of you and your clubs are doing well!

May was another good month for the Kiwanis Children's Fund Possibility Project. The total raised through May 31 was $10,780,138.30. Nebraska-Iowa has now donated $481,554.10 in cash and pledges! Thanks so much for your continued generosity!

I had two opportunities to talk about the Children's Fund to members. I want to thank Champion/Lt. Governor Pam Henderson for inviting me to tell clubs in Division 4 about The Children's Fund at their council meeting in Holstein. Thanks to the Holstein Club for the delicious meal and hospitality. I enjoyed meeting them and talking to them about The Possibility Project and opportunities they have to receive grants to help the kids in their communities. My second opportunity was later that evening on a Zoom call with Lt. Governor Elects. Thank you Lisa and Tim for including me in this event. Others on the call that night were Service Leadership Program administrators and the president of our District Foundation. I asked them to connect with their Possibility Project Champions and include them in Division Council meetings to give updates on the project and information about grants.

Speaking of grants, the grant I would like to share with you is from Rock Valley, Iowa. You will remember that a few years ago, Rock Valley was hit with terrible flooding. The library was heavily damaged. The Rock Valley Club received a Children's Fund grant to replace Lego's and a Lego Cart that were used by the Lego Club that meets at the library. Because of the Lego Club, kids have a safe place to go to share their passion with others. They are building leadership skills, teamwork, friendships, responsibility, respect for others' ideas, compromise, and much more. What a great project!

Thanks for reading!