Children's Fund News

By Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher

Hello Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians. It's cold, blustery, and I hope you are all staying nice and warm.

The November report from the Kiwanis Children's Fund has not been sent yet so I will share numbers from the October report that I wasn't able to share last month. As of Oct. 31, we still had 10 IMPACT Clubs.

Those are clubs that have committed to raising an average of $500 per member based on the number of members they have on the day they sign the commitment form. Those clubs combined have pledged $209,500. That's fantastic! Our District had cash and pledges of $265,600.71. We are doing well thanks to clubs and individuals who have donated.

Nebraska-Iowa was notified recently that we qualify to receive a District Grant from the Children's Fund again this year. The amount of this grant is based on 5% of total giving from the district in the past year. Our grant amount this year is $4,668. That's higher than last year thanks to your generosity. The District Board will discuss how to use these funds at an upcoming meeting. I have to submit our grant request by March 1, 2026. If you recall, last year's funds were used for scholarships and also for grants to clubs that were doing a mental health project. District Administrator Lisa provided me with information on how the grant has been used since 2018-2019. That information follows.

Total grant amount received--$36,529.
Key Club Scholarships--$6,000
Key Leader—$15,970
Circle K Scholarships--$3,500
District Eliminate Pledge--$6,226
SLP Banners--$1500
Mental Health Projects--$2,333

The grants have funded many worthwhile projects and will continue to do so. Stay tuned for the Board's decision regarding this year's grant.

Keep saving and donating those "K" Dollars! They add up!