Children's Fund News

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Happy New Year, Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!

I hope your year is off to a great start! I don't have December numbers for the Possibility Project yet. I'm sure the holidays made it difficult to get the reports out. I'll have a report next month, either December's numbers or January's.

I understand from George Cook that we now have 11 IMPACT Clubs! That's great! He received information that Lincoln Cornhusker had committed to raising an average of $500 per member in five years! Thank you so much! If your club would like more information about becoming an IMPACT Club, please contact me. I will direct you to your Champion if you don't know who that person is.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund Day of Giving is coming up Feb. 25, 2026. In that one day, they hope to raise $125,000. You may donate that day online or you may send a check (club or individual) during that week and specify it's for the Day of Giving. Mail in forms are no longer available online. If you would like to mail a donation for Day of Giving or anytime, please let me know. I will attempt to email you a copy of the form as a pdf.

The grant I would like to share with you this month comes from Wisconsin-Upper Michigan. The Kiwanis Club of Appleton-Fox Cities holds a monthly event for the local Hmong community. They promote literacy and trust in law enforcement. Local police officers read to children. Members of the Kiwanis Club give free books and snacks to children who attend. The grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund enabled them to purchase more books to give away. They report that 400+ children are impacted by this project! Great idea!

As always, keep saving those "K" Dollars. I'm getting close to having $100 to send in. Maybe it will be in time to add to my annual donation on the Day of Giving. Give your "K" Dollars to your club treasurer to use as part of your club donation or send them yourself as an individual donation. Every dollar helps!

Thanks for reading! Have a great 2026!