Children's Fund News

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Happy July, Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!

Summer is going fast! I hope this finds you and your clubs doing well.

June was a great month for the Children's Fund in Nebraska-Iowa. We added three more IMPACT Clubs. We are now up to 10. That's fantastic! Added to our previous list is Bellevue, Coralville-Corridor and North Platte Buffalo Bills.

Thank you so much for making the commitment to raise an average of $500 per member in the next five years. Total funds pledged by our 10 IMPACT Clubs is $209,500. Total cash and pledges from all clubs in Nebraska-Iowa is $255,011.93! Wow! What a difference all of us are making in the lives of children, both locally, and around the world. Our district has impacted the lives of 113,339 children through our donations and pledges! We are awesome!

I have a question for you and your clubs. Those of you who are donating to the Possibility Project above and beyond your annual club gift—do you have special projects/fundraisers to help with your efforts? I'm sure clubs would be interested in some ideas for how to raise funds, especially if they are working towards being an IMPACT Club. My Nevada Club doesn't have a special fundraiser at this point. We do have funds set aside to use as matching gifts for individuals who would like to donate. We have several members who have taken advantage of this. Let me know if your club has a special fundraiser to help with raising funds for The Possibility Project. I'll list those in future articles. Thanks!

The grant I would like to share with you this month comes from the Kiwanis Club of Christchurch, New Zealand. They used a Children's Fund grant to provide a three week class in first aid and CPR training for 11 and 12 year olds. The members want to make sure that kids learn skills that could save lives even if their families don't have resources to pay for such a class. The grant enabled them to provide the first aid class to more schools, giving students a chance to develop lifelong skills that will benefit their communities as well as themselves. Kids learn the skills to potentially save a life. Amazing idea!

And, keep saving those "K" Dollars. They can be a big help in club and/or individual donations!

Thanks for reading! Thanks for everything you do for kids!