

Educate Youth – An Ancient Proverb!

An ancient proverb attributed to philosopher Confucius, underscore the importance of planning and educating youth.

- *“If you plan for a year, plant rice”,*
- *“If you plan for 10 years, plant trees”,*
- *“If you plan for a hundred years, educate youth.”*

Education is a crucial aspect of youth development and a fundamental right. Youth need the opportunity for lifelong learning. It is a powerful tool that can help young people to build a better future for themselves, their families and to build strong communities via service.

Society needs a concerted investment and efforts to provide the opportunity to youth, particularly for marginalized, and those in financial need.

It has often been said that Kiwanis is *“part safety net, part springboard”* for children and youth and education is a powerful weapon to change the world.

The past five years (2018- 2023) Kiwanis Clubs supported by the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada (**"KFC"**) have provided over \$725,000 dollars scholarships to support deserving students – **a significant impact.**

Whether via the **“[Matching Scholarships](#)”**, the **“[Mel Osborne Scholarship](#)”** or the **“[Dr. John Button Scholarship](#)”** programs supported by the Foundation or club-specific scholarships, Kiwanis in Canada have indeed may a difference in the future.

Has your club considered scholarships as a part of how they impact your community?

The application date for scholarship grants is March 31st.

As a reminder, Clubs must had made their annual contribution of \$15 per member to be eligible for KFC grants.

[A Quick Reference Card is available online here:](#)

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela