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Kiwanis in Service:
From One to One Hundred



One child cries out in pain.

Another—without a bed, without a blanket—
whimpers sleepless on a straw-strewn floor.

One child loiters on a crumbling street.

Another struggles to cross a room.

One child yearns to read,
to write, to learn.

Another hungers for
a morsel of love shown.

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One Kiwanian comforts, providing for pediatric care.

Another cares, supplying simple comforts.

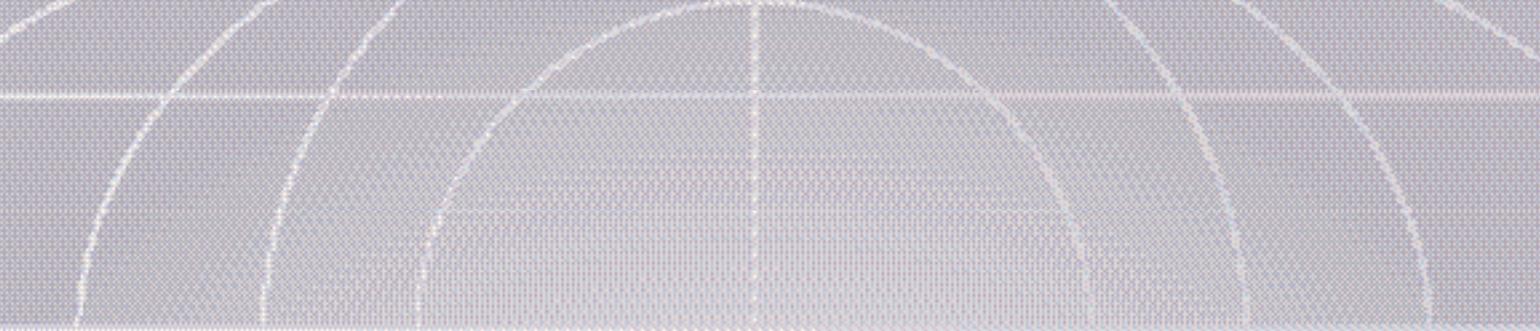
One Kiwanis club empowers youth
with character-building challenges.

Another enables achievement
for challenged minds and bodies.

One Kiwanis family enhances
its community's schools.

Another befriends and
encourages young forgotten ones.





The Kiwanis brand of community service
proves **one person can
make a difference.**

Since 1915, Kiwanians focused their service work on the needs of the downtrodden, the less fortunate, the disadvantaged. Today, Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Kiwanis in Service: From One to One Hundred features 100 Kiwanis service projects—big and small, urban and rural, complex and simple—all with the shared belief that one *can* make a difference.





One result,

best of all... the delight of connecting with a child—bridging distance for a vital need; reaching across an inequitable divide; or meeting eyes pure with innocence. In Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Rampart Range Kiwanians hammer home a can-do spirit among children at a Head Start center, building self-esteem with positive reinforcement. And it is 6,000 and counting for little feet shod by the kind, spit-shine-burnished hearts of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Kiwanians.

One joy shared between kids and Kiwanians... a sense of accomplishment arising from nurturing experiences. The Huntington, West Virginia, club opened a day-care center for low-income families in 1930, and the facility graduates pint-size pupils to this day. Wilmington, Ohio, Kiwanians regularly visit five preschool centers, reading books to all-ears listeners; opening young minds to learning.



“Just seeing the smile on a child’s face when she accomplishes something, whether to tie her shoes or draw a picture, that really warms your heart.”

—Linda Bailey, a Kiwanis Day Care Center teacher in Huntington, West Virginia



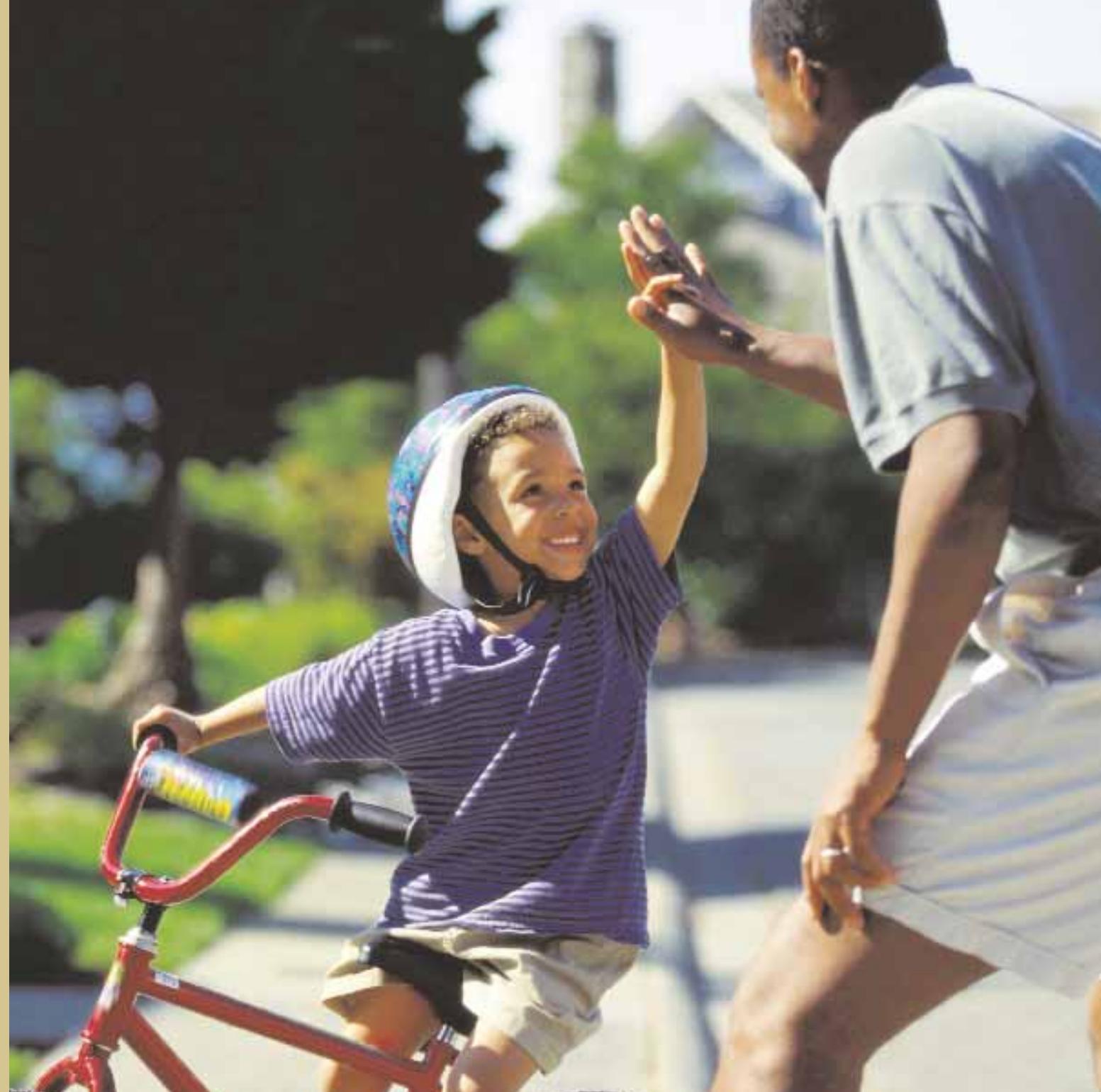
One saving grace for countless little noggins...the protective shell of “anti-concussion equipment,” one safety provision for injury-prone daredevils. The Kiwanis Club of Hammond, Louisiana, distributes bicycle helmets to children, as do Iceland-Faroes Kiwanians district-wide. Other free protective measures reach children at the New Hartford, New York, club’s Safety Town, where peewee pedal pushers become streetwise; and when Forest City, North Carolina’s Kiwanians check car seat installations, as well as ensuring fitted-helmet distribution to every third-grade bicyclist in their rural county.



One priority for young children... the specialized medicine of pediatrics, saving boys and girls whose life-threatening trauma or illness requires swift, certain, skilled care. In the New England, New York, and Rocky Mountain districts, ER doors at Kiwanis pediatric trauma centers swing open to tiny patients. Likewise, Riley Hospital for Children in Indiana operates with prioritized funding from the state’s Kiwanians, and their counterparts in New Zealand support Kidz First Hospital’s Burn Unit in Auckland. Merit Care in Fargo, North Dakota, boasts a Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, and the California-Nevada-Hawaii and Michigan districts perform angelic acts for miracle-working children’s hospitals.



One need within the reach of one...(with a little help from a big friend). When the Kiwanis International Foundation learns of a need—in the form of a grant request—wheels roll, service unfolds, change happens with financial support: The Panamá City, Panama, club’s Kiwanis Sport City keeps children away from delinquency and drugs; Indonesian Kiwanians oversee construction of a school, orphanage, and medical clinic on tsunami-devastated Nias Island; the Eldorado, Altoona, Pennsylvania, club builds a rubber-surfaced baseball diamond for disabled children; and Capital Hill, Utah, members supply infant necessities to low-income families.





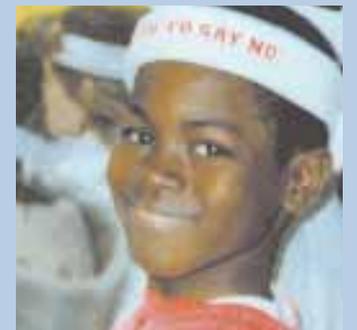
One matter of fact... if young children afflicted with mentally debilitating Down syndrome enter early-intervention programs, their future can hold a vocational diploma, steady job, and normal life. Kiwanians in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, manage and staff a preschool center for that sole purpose. Seeing growth potential in those adorable faces, all Malaysian Kiwanians—through a district foundation—serve special kids and their parents with respect, understanding, and dignity. Similarly, Singapore’s Delta Kiwanians strive to fill the gaps in their island nation’s special education system.



“A mother neither tires nor gives up bringing up her child. However the child is, to a mother he is most adorable.”

—The mother of a Down syndrome son, as quoted in an educational pamphlet from the Kiwanis Club of Johor Bahru, Malaysia

One vehicle for delivering medical care to young children . . . one group of youth protected against potential harm. Disguising its free children’s health fair with carnivalesque trappings, Florida’s Dunnellon Kiwanians watch kids romp from one utter fascination to another, only standing still for a doctor or dentist (or a Key Club face painter). Joining other clubs in Ecuador, the Quito Kiwanis club protects underprivileged children by distributing anti-parasite pills. And knowing kids need to “Know to Say No” to drugs, Douglas, Georgia’s Kiwanians fill elementary school assemblies with headbands, games, and a serious message.





One comfort afforded... a labor of love to ease the fright of awakening to the dark of a scary day's night. Cotton pajamas drape sewing tables as Barbados-Central Kiwanians' hem seams, the sleepwear fashioned for children in a Bridgetown hospital.



One friend, one cuddle-soft companion...one hospital doll, secure in a young patient's embrace. Whether consoling a troubled soul or reassuring an anxious mind, hospital dolls crafted by Australia's Nunawading, Victoria, Kiwanians soothe the stress of a hospital visit and surgery. The doll project spread worldwide, and Norden District Kiwanians took it a step further, publishing a how-to booklet in multiple languages.



One time, once upon a time... all the world's children knew how to read. Fairy tales draw nearer to truth when early-literacy skills are nurtured by North Carolina's North Wilkesboro Kiwanians, who read books and build take-home libraries at preschools. That service is one contribution to Kiwanis International's "Read Around the World" project, as are: the "Kiwanis in Kindergarten" reading program in Crescent City, California; the Kiwanis reading and library project at a Head Start facility in Moscow, Idaho; a textbooks shipment to a hurricane-destroyed Bahamian school by Carleton, Nepean, Ontario, Kiwanians; the 2,000-mile delivery of 6,000 books to an isolated Eskimo village in Clarks Point, Alaska, by the Springfield, Oregon club; and the Kiwanis Club of Detroit No. 1, Michigan's gift of 400,000 books in five years to 177 elementary schools.

"After we read *Alice in Wonderland* to the preschool children, one child wanted to know if she drank the tea at the tea party, 'Will I get big like Alice?'"

—Laura Welborn, Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, recalling a priceless moment at a post-reading get-together

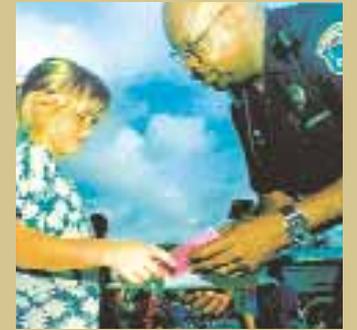




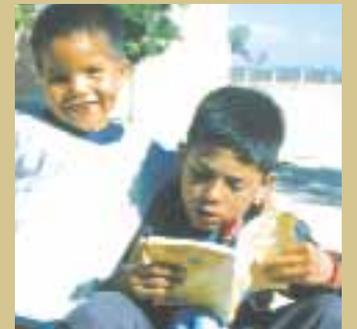
“One day I saw a child I used to read to. His mother hugged and thanked me for helping him develop an appreciation for reading.”

—Maralou Ellis, a “Kiwaniis in Kindergarten” reader in Crescent City, California

One way to motivate students to achieve full potential... setting objectives and offering incentives. Gainesville, Florida’s University City Kiwanis club partners with city police and the University of Florida, rewarding students for good grades and manners with “Gators” athlete cards, which go into a drawing for bicycles. The College Park, Indianapolis, Indiana, club encourages kids with its “BUG” (Bring Up Grades) project, and Fayetteville, North Carolina, members honor young leaders through the “Terrific Kids” program.



One thing Kiwanians know for certain... education requires a foundation—figuratively, when Guaymas, Mexico’s Kiwanians stock a ranch for orphans with food and school supplies; literally, when Bogotá, Colombia’s Kiwanians rebuilt two earthquake-damaged schools. And European Kiwanians advance students’ learning in Eastern Europe with projects fulfilling their federation’s Kiwanis Education Project.



One impressive sleight of hand... presto—one Kiwanis club transforms community service into one magical sponsored youth club, which, presto, materializes more community service. Elementary school students in the Fidalgo K-Kids club, sponsored by the Anacortes Moonlighters, Washington, Kiwanians, added one puppy to the Summit Assistance Dogs’ training program. The Beaufort, South Carolina, Kiwanis-sponsored Coosa K-Kids club collected 270 pounds of redeemable pop tops for the local Ronald McDonald House. Nancy Creek School K-Kids stuffed 95 pairs of socks with toys, pencils, and candy for children at a Salvation Army homeless shelter in Atlanta, Georgia. Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Kiwanians point with patriotic pride to the Mt. Barker School K-Kids’ raising of US\$320 for the 911 Victims Children’s Fund.





One opportunity of a lifetime...

experiencing the world, soaking up knowledge in a university environment, learning and growing. When 12 Serbian exchange students visited the United States, their hosts were Ohio District Kiwanis-family members. Belgium's Antwerp International Kiwanians sponsor the educations of Bangladeshi schoolgirls. The Indianapolis, Indiana, Kiwanis club awards Abe Lincoln Scholarships to individuals who "achieve in the face of arduous hardships." And after decades, college-bound students continue to receive scholarships from the Monterey, California, club.



One boundless resource

waiting to emerge as youthful creativity... advancing the arts, grounding students with cultural appreciation. Kiwanians in Zhambyl, Kazakhstan, sustain a children's art studio. Realizing low-income families can't afford expensive musical instruments, Wichita, Kansas, Kiwanians ensure all kids can join a school band or orchestra with repaired horns and strings. Japanese Kiwanians honor a talented young artisan or craftsman with their annual culture award.



One Canadian

Kiwanis specialty... the Great North's halls are filled with the sound of music. Kelowna, British Columbia's Kiwanians—all three clubs worth—tap tap tap together a few thousand contestants and twice as many details to conduct their multi-venue, 25-day, annual extravaganza in affiliation with the Federation of Canadian Musical Festivals. The Kiwanis Musical Festival of Sudbury, Ontario, chimes in yearly as well, holding a service note that Canadian Kiwanians began sounding in the 1950s.

"She is going to do something outstanding, and I just can't wait to see what it is."

—An aunt's reaction to her niece receiving a US\$15,000 scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis, Indiana





One reason Kiwanians care about the environment... because kids play in it—and it would be nice if their grandchildren could as well! That's why Montana's Anaconda Kiwanians, with help from hundreds of youngsters, planted thousands of trees. That's why New Hampshire's Rochester Kiwanians unclogged two fallen-tree-choked miles of the Cocheco River. That's why the New York Kiwanis-family's spring cleanup zapped 500 yards of a muddy, leafy, littered drainage channel. That's why!



One could blindly measure ability with misconceptions, or one can share the joy of accomplishment... as one's personal desire challenges disability. The Toronto Aktion Club sponsored by Toronto, Ontario, Kiwanians, functions like any Kiwanis-family club—recruiting members, staging meetings, and conducting service projects.



One can be assured whenever Kiwanians celebrate, when they spin community revelry with feasts or fests or fairs... a good time's had by all. In Pennsylvania, the Tunkhannock club turns on the country charm at the Kiwanis Wyoming County Fair. Likewise, southern charm exudes at the Newnan, Georgia, club's Kiwanis Coweta County Fair. A dramatic theme change occurs at the Riverdale-Lee County club's Kiwanis Medieval Faire in Florida, and Kiwanians in Fairfield, Iowa, get down to the basics with a Kiwanis Kids' Day full of fun.



"It only takes one experience to change a life."

—Sanford Tollette; executive director of Pfeifer Camp for at-risk kids



One wonders if childhood glee could be bottled...would adults be wise enough to treasure it? Swinging freely, climbing tirelessly, sliding over and over—the Napa, California, Kiwanis club builds playgrounds, and kids do the rest. Monkey bars, rope mazes, balance beams—in Goshen, Indiana, Kiwanians rallied the community to fund and build Tommy’s Kids Castle, honoring the memory of a policeman killed in the line of duty. The Santa Ana, California, club shaped a barrier-free playground for *all* children, and five Kiwanis clubs in Rochester, Minnesota, did the same, directing their energies toward the construction of an enormous playground accessible to disabled kids. And in Omaha, Nebraska, Kiwanians toiled to rejuvenate an aging Kiwanis Park.

“The joy of the children was unbounded.”

—Santa Ana, California, Kiwanian Clint Hopson, describing the official opening of the barrier-free playground his club helped create



One breath of fresh air, one communion with nature, one panoramic sunset... for some, a precious gift only reachable within the limits of distant dreams. But at the Calgary, Alberta, club’s Camp Kiwanis Centre, disadvantaged kids experience such joy each summer. Likewise, mentally and physically disabled children frolic at Mount Hood Kiwanis Camp, compliments of the Pacific Northwest District Kiwanians; and with the Little Rock, Arkansas, club’s Camp Pfeifer project, at-risk students become redirected by an alternative classroom experience.





One word... fun. Kiwanians know how to spell it too. Those kindly Kiwanians in Satu Mare, Romania, turn their annual Children's Day into a singing, dancing, playful rollick for hundreds of persecuted Gypsy boys and girls of all ages, briefly shielding them from the weight of old prejudices. The Camelback, Phoenix, Arizona, club's "adoption" of Mazatan, an impoverished Mexican village, translates into youth baseball gear, playground equipment, and an *Estados Unidos* trip for a children's performance group—plus, networked computers, textbooks in Spanish, and an ever-growing list of moral, community, and financial support. The Idia-Benin City, Nigeria, Kiwanians highlighted a Fun Fair with "Birdman," who fluttered out gifts to delighted kids.



One nibble, one tug, one bite, one little fishy on the line... "oh please, oh please," the wiggle-tail angler hopes in shoreline repose. Capital District Kiwanians land a trophy project by casting an annual Kiwanis Kids' Fishing Days, with Division 1 clubs hooking disabled children on the sport, while Division 20 Kiwanis-family members fish alongside fry-size anglers. A city tradition since the 1960s, Arkansas' Annual Blytheville Kiwanis Club Fishing Rodeo is so popular that some parents, with kids in tow, reminisce about prizes won when they were young.



"When you see a 60-year-old Kiwanian, a Key Clubber, and a little kid all fishing together and babbling about the fish—that's what it's all about."

—Deborah New, past Capital District public relations chairwoman,
at a Kiwanis Kids' Fishing Day



One of humankinds' worst ills...

One of humankind's worst ills...one of the easiest world health problems to conquer. Picture it: Huddled tight to his mother's ragged dress, dull-eyed and awkward, the feeble boy's sweet smile defies bodily signs of disability. With one spoonful of iodine over a lifetime, what happens to the threat of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD)? One human tragedy is virtually eliminated, which, as the focus of a US\$75 million fundraising campaign, will become a reality for the estimated 1.5 billion people originally at risk of IDD. Kiwanis International—with UNICEF and celebrity spokesman Roger Moore as its Worldwide Service Project partners—moves Earth's population closer to universal and sustainable salt iodization, one of humankind's greatest public health achievements. With fundraising determination displayed by Memphis, Tennessee's go-getters; High Point, North Carolina's Hixson paraders; and countless other Kiwanis-family believers, that objective is in sharp focus with iodizing power approaching US\$90 million.

"You have given millions of young people hope for the future and the chance to lead more productive lives."

—US Fund for UNICEF President Charles J. Lyons, describing the affects of Kiwanis' Worldwide Service Project





One September morning... life changed with horrific terror. Five days later, you still could see it in the eyes of a young girl attending a benefit concert staged by the Kiwanis Club of Sidney and Peninsula, British Columbia. The event's proceeds found use in the US\$1.8 million Kiwanis 911 Victims Children's Fund, to which more than 550 grateful widows and widowers turned for help, some 1,200 single-parent children at their sides.



One December day... an Indian Ocean tsunami overwhelmed countless lives. The Kiwanis family responded, pouring donations into the Kiwanis International Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund. In Malaysia, Kiwanians gathered and delivered medicine, clothing, food, and other supplies to Sri Lanka, reassuring traumatized children with teddy bears and candy. The Colombo City, Sri Lanka, club coordinated assistance from Kiwanians worldwide. Dutch Kiwanians contributed €15,000 to the foundation's fund, and Indonesian members tapped it with a disaster relief grant to help build a school, medical clinic, and orphanage in the tsunami's wake. The Linden, New Jersey, Kiwanis club's K-Kids collected 3,000 teddy bears for shipment to tsunami-victimimized Thai children, adding a personal note to each one.



One crisis, one time of hardship... when a Kiwanian hears about people in distress or children suffering, the natural response is to reach out, knowing one person can make a difference. When a Balkan conflict arose and ethnic Albanians fled from Kosovo to Skopje, Macedonia, Kiwanis reacted: The European Federation asked for and received district contributions to realize a project aimed at feeding babies; Skopje Kiwanians drove a van full of medicine from Budapest, Hungary, to the refugee camps; and the Bayreuth, Germany, club obtained and shipped antibiotics and pediatric medicines to Skopje.





One path toward international understanding... winding its way with Kiwanis goodwill at every turn. Destitute Albanian families struggled to survive without basic needs, so Norwegian Kiwanis clubs distributed clothing and supplies to Shkoder. Romania lacked medical equipment for children and the elderly, so the Schwyz and Uri, Switzerland, clubs sent wheelchairs, computers, a car, and more. Flooding forced the evacuation of 215,000 people in the Czech Republic, so Swiss, German, Austrian, Icelandic, and American Kiwanians donated relief funds. Africa's scarcity of drinking water threatens children's health, so the Italy-San Marino District's "Mission: Sand for Water" project provides for well construction and maintenance education. In Pol-e-charky, Afghanistan, an American soldier noticed a dilapidated school, so he recruited his fellow North DeKalb-Dunwoody, Georgia, Kiwanians to send supplies and clothing, which led to nearby Kiwanis-family clubs sending supplies and toys (from K-Kids), which led to the US Army refurbishing the school, filling it with furniture, and building a playground. Impoverished children in 21 countries slept without a bed, so a Kiwanian in Toronto, Ontario, with the support of his fellow Kingsway club members, created a nonprofit agency that supplies bedding to tens of thousands of kids.

One distinct objective... "assisting Kiwanis International to serve the children of the world." The Kiwanis International Foundation's financial award to Kiwanis World Service Medal recipient Pedro Opeka allows him to further his work with impoverished families in Madagascar. The foundation's Disaster Relief Fund rushes aid to catastrophe victims, such as El Salvadorians when massive earthquakes killed 1,100 of their countrymen.





One builds, “We Build,” they built... Builders Club reigns as the leader of service at the middle school level with energetic action, meeting reachable needs and absorbing kindhearted lessons. The Kiwanis Club of Agrigento, Italy, sponsors the Builders Club of Scuola Media Statale “Verona Trento” e “Cristo Re” in Messina, which helps various charity groups. In Jamaica, Alvernia Prep School Builders, who are sponsored by the West St. Andrew Kiwanians, donated computers to their school, US\$10,000 to outreach programs, and a ventilator to a children’s hospital.

One could share a meal with a Key Club member... table talk would lead to her recounting a story about one needful child with whom a bond formed. Martin High School Key Clubbers, sponsored by the Arlington-Sundown, Texas, Kiwanians, specialize in tutoring elementary school students. The Lafayette, Louisiana, Kiwanis club sponsors the Lafayette High School Key Club, which guarantees all Vermilion Elementary School students enter classrooms with essential supplies.

One priceless experience interacting with kids—particularly for future parents, teachers, and “youth industry” workers... when a collegiate Circle K or a European Kiwanis Junior club member faces a question while gazing at a pair of innocent eyes. The College Station, Texas, Kiwanis club sponsors the Texas A&M University Circle K club, which works hard to help Still Creek Girls’ Home residents improve their lives. Similarly, Hasselt, Grensland, Belgium Kiwanis Juniors do their part, aiding a relief center for disadvantaged children.



“The principal said we are ‘miracle workers.’”

—Lafayette Key Clubber Piper Hesterly regarding a school supplies project to aid underprivileged children

One volunteer act of Kiwanis kindness.

One deed dedicated to building a better life.

One hundred ways to open new horizons.

One million stars revealed to dream anew.

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One world of change
one Kiwanian can make.

One child...one community at a time.



