Clubs helping kids

The impact of club gifts

We know how your club’s gift can improve children’s lives. We’ve seen it happen. With gifts to the Kiwanis International Foundation, your club supports programs and projects that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of Kiwanis-family clubs and districts. For the Kiwanis family and the children we serve, our foundation is a resource for support.

Club gifts also support the developing leaders who make Kiwanis strong. In communities like yours, they help growing members of the Kiwanis family build leadership skills and experience the joy of service.

In 2010–2011, our foundation supported Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs in several ways, with grants for:

• Aktion Club, the organization’s program for adults with disabilities, which hosted its inaugural Training and Leadership Conference.
• More than 40 Key Leader weekends, which gave 2,545 teens a chance to explore their leadership potential in new ways.
• University students from 20 Kiwanis districts who participated in the CKI Leadership Academy.

Club gifts also fund the Kiwanis International Foundation’s scholarship programs, which help young people achieve their higher-education goals.

Helping reach children a world away

In 2010, Suetta Albin had been working with orphanages in the northeastern part of India. When civil war erupted, she and many others were forced to leave. Suetta went to the town of Shillong, where she found many more children who needed help.

The Shillong Children’s Center was created from that need. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Belton, Texas, Suetta started the center for displaced children. Thanks in part to a grant from the Kiwanis International Foundation, she has kept it going. The grant helped her with basic furnishings, and it gave the center the ability to serve other children who needed shelter and education.

“Kiwanis is like a big family,” Suetta says. “It’s so encouraging to know that people support what you’re doing.”

Inspiring stories like this one happen because of gifts to our foundation. It’s a perfect example of how club gifts help Kiwanians serve children—and how they can help clubs like yours reach the children you want to serve.
Past and potential
What clubs have done
Looking for inspiration? Look at what clubs did last year alone. In 2010–11, the Annual Club Gift campaign made it possible for Kiwanis-family clubs to improve children’s lives around the world.

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Ways your club can give
The Kiwanis International Foundation offers multiple club-gift options. Each one helps fund the grants and scholarships that support projects and initiatives in your community and around the world.

**Annual Club Gift**
Each year, Kiwanis clubs make a gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation. The Annual Club Gift campaign is a great way to inspire club members to come together in their support for Kiwanis International’s mission.

**Skip-A-Meal**
Kiwanians forgo a meal (or bring their own food) during a club meeting or event. They donate what they didn’t spend to the Kiwanis International Foundation.

**Kiwanis Leadership Society**
A person can become a member of the Kiwanis Leadership Society with a gift of US$250. For clubs, a Kiwanis Leadership Society gift is a great way to honor someone whose service and accomplishments deserve special notice.

How to give, who to contact
It’s easy and secure to make a gift online. Just go to www.kiwanis.org/foundation/giving. Or download and print a form to mail or fax at www.kiwanis.org/foundation/givingform.

For more information about club gifts, contact your district chair or call Jereme Grinslade at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 157 (U.S. and Canada), or +1-317-875-8755, ext. 157 (worldwide)