HOW CAN YOUR KIWANIS CLUB FIND A LOCAL JCI CHAPTER?

kiwanis.org/findjci

STARTING THE CONVERSATION

There are many ways to connect with JCI chapters. Here are a few simple ideas to get you started.

Meet. Once you’ve reached out to a JCI chapter, ask to meet for coffee and discuss how you can work together to improve the community.

Get social. Invite JCI members to a social event that your club is hosting. Make sure it is an event with the opportunity to mingle. Consider assigning specific Kiwanis members to serve as hosts to JCI members to make sure they feel welcome.

Invite them to a service project. If you have a project that is close to starting, reach out and invite the local JCI chapter to join you. Or reach out and volunteer to help their chapter with an upcoming project they may have. It is a great way for members of both organizations to get to know each other while doing what they love.

Invite them to a meeting. Invite JCI members to one of your meetings. If they can’t make the whole meeting, ask if they can speak about their chapter so your club understands what they do and how you might help them. Be sure to offer to do the same, and attend one of their meetings or speak to their group.

Get connected. Check out their website and connect on social media. Be sure to let your club know what they are up to and ask for suggestions on how you might help. They are more likely to help with your projects if you show them you are interested and invested in their projects as well.
WHY IS KIWANIS PARTNERING WITH JCI?

Energy and passion. The 18- to 40-year-old JCI membership base can be a huge asset to clubs looking for support of its physical service projects such as playground builds, park landscaping, clean-up or even school refurbishment.

On-the-ground support. For Kiwanis clubs who support projects in other countries, local JCI clubs can provide strong, on-the-ground support where no Kiwanis connections exist.

Networking and partnerships. No matter how well connected your club is, you can always benefit from partnering with other community movers and shakers. JCI members are active employees who often have access to current politicians and community leaders your club may need to accomplish a goal.

Global impact. Partnering with JCI will expand how many people we reach and how far our dollars go.

Membership opportunities when the time is right. JCI membership ends at age 40, but for most people, the desire to serve does not stop. We can open our arms to these service-minded individuals and let them know we have a place for them if they still wish to serve.

WHY IS JCI PARTNERING WITH KIWANIS?

Opportunity to practice leadership skills. JCI gives young people the training they need to lead. When working with your club, JCI members could be encouraged to take on leadership roles in projects and fundraisers.

Service projects. JCI members are young, and many young people enjoy hands-on service projects.

Financial support. Kiwanians know how to fundraise. Projects that need financial support as well as hands-on service capitalize on the expertise of both our organizations. JCI can invigorate your club by bringing you new project ideas and ways to serve.

Access to our portfolio of proven partners. Kiwanis has a proven, vetted process for selecting partners. Having our partners work together strengthens them as well as us. Learn more at kiwanis.org/partners.

Membership opportunities when the time is right. Key Clubbers and CKI members don’t always come straight to Kiwanis to continue their service. JCI may be a better fit for them at this point in their lives. The important thing is to keep their love of service to others alive.

THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

Kiwanis and JCI are both 100-year-old, non-profit organizations deeply rooted in communities around the world. We share many of the same values and believe our partnership will not only strengthen our organizations, it will help us both increase the impact we have around the world.

WHAT IS JCI?

JCI is a nonprofit organization of young, active citizens ages 18 to 40 who are engaged and committed to creating impact in their communities. JCI chapters are located in more than 125 countries. Members are invested in the future of our world and gather active citizens from all sectors of society.

JCI develops skills, knowledge and understanding to help members make informed decisions and take action. Like Kiwanis, JCI is globally minded and looks for targeted, sustainable solutions to local issues benefiting our communities, our world and our future. Embracing new ideas, collaboration and diversity, JCI has the passion and courage to address the critical challenges of our time.