March 25, 2013

Dear Kiwanians,

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that Kiwanis International has raised US$28 million for its Global Campaign for Children—The Eliminate Project.

This is an extraordinary accomplishment. Never before has such an ambitious endeavor been undertaken by Kiwanis with the effect of rallying the global network of Kiwanis family members in a relatively short period of time.

We are so proud of our service leadership clubs that have enthusiastically displayed their desire to serve the global society in which they will live. To date, they have raised close to US$1.5 million.

But we cannot rest on our laurels. With your continued help, when we meet in Vancouver June 27-29, we will raise another US$12 million that will continue to rid the world of maternal and neonatal tetanus and respond to the sense of urgency this disease creates. The connection between a mother and her baby must be protected. The fate of six million more lives is in our hands.

On behalf of a very grateful Kiwanis International board, I want to thank you for continuing to make this the Year of Participation. I offer special thanks to our campaign team led by its chairman Randy DeLay who are delivering another historic moment in the 98-year history of our organization.

The collective and collaborative efforts of the Kiwanis family is truly achieving its objective to save or protect millions of lives in the most underserved and impoverished areas on this earth.
We are heeding the call to serve "the poorest of the poor" and the most vulnerable in our society, which is embedded in the first Object of Kiwanis.

Sincerely,

Thomas "Tom" DeJulio
2012-13 President
Kiwanis International