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DIRECTORY OF CLUB PROJECTS

Our Mission Statement:
To make a difference in the lives of children.
One child and one community at a time.

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild,
impatient and vulnerable.

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TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE,

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BRILLIANT,
RICH,
BEAUTIFUL
OR PERFECT.**

YOU JUST HAVE TO CARE!

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Overview - The Youth Services Committee (YSC) has as its basic objective the Kiwanis slogan of “Serving the School Age Children of Our Community”. Through educational projects and support for areas of need, YSC develops character, expands young minds, challenges creativity and encourages a sense of well-being for our youth from kindergarten, through college. Kiwanians work directly with our school partners in our community to support projects through financial support and manpower to nurture existing projects and develop new projects that fill unmet needs. An example of some of these projects are Reading in the Classroom, Week End Food 4 Kids, Back to School Clothes, therapeutic trikes for needy, physically challenged children and Robotics in the Classroom. Kiwanis provides funds for these projects and develops corporate sponsors to underwrite and partner with Kiwanis on a number of YSC projects.

PROJECTS

Key Club, Loudon High School:

Our club provides financial support and advice to the Key Club. Key Club members are involved in many community projects, with emphasis on leadership development and community involvement. Truly a wonderful group of young adults.

Terrific Kids:

This is an elementary school project designed to help students understand the importance of personal citizenship. Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. Terrific is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. Students work with their classroom teacher and Kiwanians to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance or school work.

Kids First – Child Advocacy Center (CAC):

The Kids First-Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 agency in Lenoir City that serves severe physically and sexually abused children throughout Loudon County and the 9th Judicial District. The Kiwanis Club provides financial support through donations, attendance at CAC fundraisers and provides manpower when requested to help meet the needs of the Center.

Back to School Gift Cards:

Working closely with the school Family Resource Centers, we provide retail gift cards to those children who are less fortunate. This assistance provides \$100 per child and is intended solely for the purchase of new school clothes.

PIVOT Program:

A new program developed at Loudon High School as a 9th at Risk Program called PIVOT. It identifies students in the 9th grade that at the end of the first grading period are failing one or more core classes (math, science, English, and /or history). The school is looking for community members, groups, business owners, etc. to come into the school and commit to providing help with these skills through tutoring . One day a week from 11:00-11:50. The objective is to have individuals who are part of the community. The teachers want their students to realize these skills have impact not on just them individually but also their community and their future. In addition to the tutoring, Loudon High School also needs volunteers willing to mentor 2-3 PIVOT students. This would be a separate day of commitment, but it would be for the same amount of time.

Amtryke Project:

Our club provides financial and manpower support to provide therapeutic tricycles to special needs children who are unable to operate a traditional bike. These unique tricycles can be either hand and/or foot operated and can accommodate riders with varying degrees of physical limitations. These bikes have many therapeutic benefits including improved motor skills, strength development and self-esteem.

Loudon County Education Foundation/Student Scholarships:

Loudon County Education Foundation (LCEF) meets monthly to encourage business and community participation in education within Loudon County schools. A Kiwanis member attends these meetings and works with the LCEF to provide 2 Kiwanis financial scholarships to worthy student recipients.

Robotics in the Class Room:

Kiwanians collaborate with school administrators, faculty, and students in our community to develop science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills using Robotics and related technology. Funds from Kiwanis and our corporate partners are provided to purchase state-of-the-art equipment/materials to aid the students' Robotics learning activities which develop and encourage team building skills, critical thinking, and design thinking. The Robotics effort in the schools is an investment in our students' futures and prepares them at an early age in their education to excel and compete in the new technology that is quickly emerging in the work place. Young minds are receptive to these initiatives and the students quickly master these skills.

Judging at Science & Social Studies Fairs:

When requested by area schools (often in the fall and spring), our members will judge the various student entries in their science and social studies fairs.

STAR Riding Academy:

STAR receives both our financial and manpower support. STAR is a therapeutic riding program, with over 400 volunteers that assist persons with disabilities or challenges to achieve their personal goals by completing horse related activities. STAR is located off Hwy 11 (north of Lenoir City) and serves children, youth, and adults from 10 surrounding counties.

Weekend Food 4 Kids:

We provide both financial and manpower support for this program which presently serves disadvantage students at Loudon Elementary, Steekee Elementary, Highland Park Elementary, and Greenback School. In a confidential manner, on Fridays, students receive a bag with two nutritious snacks from the four basic food groups. Food is purchased through Second Harvest who delivers to the schools.

Disadvantaged Children Cold Weather Clothing Fund:

Winter jackets are provided for disadvantaged children in the Lenoir City school system. The Family Resource Center identifies needs and handles the administration and distribution jackets to the children.

Reading and Tutoring:

Provides financial and manpower support through the school Family Resource Centers to assist with student tutoring.

Trout in The Classroom:

Provides financial and manpower support for this environmental education program. Students in grades K-12 raise trout from eggs to fry, monitor tank water quality, study stream habitat, begin to foster a conservation ethic, learn to appreciate water resources and to understand ecosystems. In the fall we get trout eggs from a local fish hatchery. Fish are fed daily and the aquarium and the water quality are maintained weekly. In the spring, on a school sponsored field trip, the trout are released in a state-approved stream or river. As you would expect, students are simply fascinated with the hatching process.

Center for Courageous Kids:

Courageous Kids is a summer camp experience for children with life threatening health issues. The main goal of this camp is simple - kids are to have as much fun as possible. With help from the local Woodworkers Club and Village Quilters, various assembly kits ((birdhouses, race car bodies, anything with wheels, etc.) are built. The kids have great fun assembling the kits and decorating them. The Kiwanis Club provides funds to sponsor campers during the summer. This sponsorship is provided when the weekly camper fee is available through Kiwanis and Kiwanis sponsors.

Special Olympics:

Special Olympics helps children and adults with intellectual disabilities realize new dreams through sports training and competition by providing a variety of Olympic-type sports. These children and adults are given opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts. They also enhance skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. The Kiwanis Project team participates annually in Special Olympics events by providing man hours and funding to facilitate the Special Olympics activities in our community. The Project team serves as coaches, officials, committee members, competition assistants, speech coaches and other varied activities.

Ronnie Raper Children's Music Program:

This Project provides financial support to a musician from Etowah who provides free musical instruments and instructions to underprivileged middle school students.

D.A.R.E. Program:

Provides financial support to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department to support drug education in area schools.

Lenoir City Elementary School Volunteer Hours:

This project provides administrative support to multiple Lenoir City Elementary School programs such as the library and reading programs.

Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Advisory Council:

Members attend this bi-monthly Advisory Council meeting to plan programs and events at the Lenoir City Elementary School and provide input / support for involvement of Kiwanis volunteers.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Overview - No matter your interests and talents, the Community Services Committee most likely has an activity in which you will want to participate. We encourage all Kiwanis member to participate in any of our activities regardless of their committee. We look forward to having you as one of our committee members.

PROJECTS

The Good Samaritan Center:

Good Sam is always seeking volunteers to work a four-hour shift in their pantry at the center to stock food items and to put together the food bags that are distributed to clients, intake workers and front desk reception. In addition, assistance with special need projects that may come up such as building shelving, help with the collection and storage of food from annual Battle of the Bridge, or the annual Postal Service food collection.

Commodity Food Distribution:

Once each quarter, Kiwanis coordinates with the Mid-East government organization for the receipt, packing, and delivery of surplus government commodities to needy residents in Lenoir City. Kiwanis members do the delivery. Those receiving food are primarily low-income elderly or handicapped that are unable to pick up the food themselves. Recipients are qualified for this distribution through Mid-East.

Habitat for Humanity:

Our Kiwanis Club has included Habitat for Humanity in our annual financial giving. In addition, a number of our members volunteer their time and effort to support house building related programs sponsored by the organization.

Tellico Village Library:

Opportunities are available at the library to volunteer on the circulation desk, serve on the Friends of the Library Board, assist in the annual book sale & other fund-raising events, and in a variety of other ways. The Kiwanis Club also supports the library with a financial donation.

Ft. Loudoun Medical Center:

Many volunteer opportunities are available from helping in the storeroom, working on the reception desk, assisting visitors and many more.

Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department:

Volunteers serve as "first responders" to emergencies in Tellico Village.

Good Neighbors Shoppe:

This shop is operated by volunteers with the profits donated to many charitable organizations throughout the county. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Positions are needed in different areas. It returns over \$400,000 annually to the charities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECTS (continued)

Christmas Adopt-A-Family:

Three disadvantaged families are designated through the Lenoir City Family Resource Center to Kiwanis. Kiwanians purchase gifts for each member of the family that are given to them through the Resource Center.

TAP Program:

A financial donation is provided to the Tellico Village Computer Club for repair and upgrading computers that are donated to needy children. If you like working with computers, volunteers are always welcome.

Iva's Place:

Assistance with carpentry and similar projects that are identified for this women's shelter is offered when needed. The Kiwanis Club also supports Iva's Place with a financial donation.

Tellico Working Together:

Kiwanis Club bands together with 7 other civic organizations and churches in the Tellico Village area to support each other in various community-oriented projects and causes.

C.O.P.S Program:

This program (in conjunction with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office) consists of volunteers who are trained in various aspects of security measures. They are assigned to a shift that patrols Tellico Village and adjacent areas of the community in a former Sheriff vehicle.

Veteran Assist Program:

Kiwanis Club provides financial resources to the local Veterans Service Office to assist deserving veterans.

Buddy Break:

Volunteers provide care to disabled adults and children by giving parents and "care givers" needed relief for a period of time. This takes place at Christ Lutheran Church in Loudon.

International Program:

Kiwanis Club provides financial and moral support to the Lions Academy school in Kenya.

T-BART:

Volunteers respond and assist stranded boaters on Tellico Lake. Participants provide non-emergency and non-medical assistance to boaters on a year-round basis.

ABC Promise Partnership:

Project involves school children collecting plastic bottle/jar caps with the outcome of having a specially made "Buddy Bench" for their school. Kiwanis members also collect plastic caps. The club provides funding support for this program.

B.A.C.A Bikers Against Child Abuse:

Bikers Against Child Abuse is a charitable worldwide motorcycle organization which is built from biker community members. Their intended purpose is to empower abused children. The club provides funding support for this program.

YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE COMMITTEE

Overview – With projects focusing on the unique needs of very young children, YCPO strives to address their intellectual and emotional development as well as foster an enthusiasm for learning. Project activities include support for early reading, assuring funds for the purchase of kindergarten classroom supplies and offering comfort dolls to young children who are hospitalized.

PROJECTS

Dolly Parton Book Program (Imagination Library):

Program involves providing one book a month to all incoming Kindergarten students. These books are mailed directly to the child's home. We provide financial assistance and members volunteer to assist in the enrollment process.

Let's Talk: Lenoir City ES Pre-School Parental Training:

The Club provides financial support for training and materials used to assist the parents with children who will be starting pre-school.

Head Start Book Distribution:

Provide financial support given to two Head Start classes at the Harrison Hills Head Start Center to maintain their reading library.

Little Tennessee Valley Education Cooperative:

Provides tools for children with learning disabilities (birth to three) that help them to master skills crucial to learning. These tools are modified to accommodate the student disability. Modification is provided by members.

Kindergarten Supplies for Greenback, Lenoir City, Loudon, Philadelphia & Steekee Elementary Schools:

Club donates funds to assist kindergarten teachers to purchase supplies for their classrooms.

Child Find (Lenoir City):

Assist school staff in conducting kindergarten registration.

Learning Library:

Brings the school library to the kindergarten classes at Lenoir City Elementary School. Once a week a cart stocked with library books is placed outside each classroom door (one cart for each classroom). A member is assigned to each cart to serve as the "librarian". Each child is permitted to search for a book, take the library card out and hand it to the member who then records name and date of the child. The child's teacher will then provide a folder to take home. The folder contains suggestions for parent as they read the book to their child.

Kiwanis Hospital Dolls:

Provides both financial and member volunteer support. Organizes the making of simple cloth dolls for young children scheduled for surgery at Children's Hospital. These "comfort dolls" help the hospital experience for the child to be less traumatic. Making these dolls is a team effort with residents of local assisted care facilities.

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES COMMITTEE - KARES

Overview - The Human & Spiritual Values Committee works with adults, or as we like to say “big kids”, to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of many Tellico Village friends and neighbors. Seven committee programs are currently active and involve the participation of 20 to 25 Kiwanians volunteering personal time that will generally total 50 to 60 hrs. per month. Kiwanians wishing to participate in any of these programs should contact or the project leader.

PROJECTS

Brew 'n Bull at The Neighborhood:

This 1.5-hour monthly activity involves 8 to 10 men who reside at The Neighborhood. Kiwanis coordinates this program on the 2nd & 3rd Wed. of each month. Current events generally drive our discussions. The group is very causal and conversation is often lively. Soda, beer, & chips are provided.

Adult Day Care at The Neighborhood:

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11 am. Kiwanis provides 1.5 hrs. of adult day care as needed.

Tea at The Neighborhood:

This once-a-month event provides an opportunity for our Kiwanis ladies to socialize with many of the women who reside at The Neighborhood. The Kiwanis gals bring sweets, goodies and their own fine china. All who participate have a very delightful time. Kiwanians who participate volunteer approximately 4 hrs. each month.

Luncheon Prayer Team:

Our Prayer Team is composed of 12 men & women, each are assigned two luncheons throughout the year. We always appreciate their very personal prayers and thoughtfulness.

STAYinTV:

Kiwanis continues to support the STAYinTV aging in place initiative.

Visitations:

Members spend several hours each month at The Neighborhood as a bingo caller for the residents. Other Kiwanians will call on shut-ins where their presence is very much appreciated.

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