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INTRODUCTION

The **Directory of Club Projects** describes the wide variety of activities the Kiwanis Club of TV offers for membership participation.

It is intended to help educate and inform our members; helping them select a project or two to which they might consider volunteering their time and knowledge.

The directory is a useful tool for all our members.

- Veteran members, who after serving several years on a particular project, search for a new and different experience.
- Newer members will find this directory to be very informative as they pursue volunteer opportunities.
- Club members have also found the directory to be beneficial when recruiting potential new members or while working to solicit corporate sponsors.

From time-to-time neighbors and even prospective new members will ask, “What are the Tellico Village Kiwanians involved with these days?” Your directory will provide an assortment of projects with brief descriptions that can be referenced to answer those questions.

Thank You to our committee chairs for providing updated information contained in this directory.

Cordially,

The Board of Directors



YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Overview - The Youth Services Committee (YSC) has as its basic objective the Kiwanis mission, "Serving the Children of the World." 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 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. Examples of these projects: Reading in the Classroom, Weekend Food 4 Kids, Back to School Clothes, Amtryke (therapeutic trikes for disadvantaged, physically challenged children) and Robotics in the Classroom.

PROJECTS

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.

Back to School Clothing Program

Working closely with the school Family Resource Centers in Lenoir City and Loudon, we provide retail gift cards to children who are less fortunate. This assistance provides the funds to purchase new school clothes for the upcoming year. Malibu Boats is the corporate sponsor of this project.

Get Your Selfie 2 School

Our club provides financial and manpower support for this program being promoted in Lenoir City Schools and Loudon County Schools. The main goal for Get Your Selfie 2 School! is to unite community partners and sponsors from individuals, businesses, corporations, civic groups, non-profit service providers and faith-based organizations to assist in promoting the importance of regular school attendance.

Key Club Loudon High School

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

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.

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.

Reading and Tutoring

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

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 provide help to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and materials. The resulting benefits of a Robotics Program are countless. Robotics sparks an interest in STEM, prepares for future careers, enhances problem-solving skill, promotes creativity, develops critical thinking, encourages collaboration, boosts confidence & self-esteem, provides real-world understanding, helps develop design thinking skills, cultivates programming/coding skills, enhances product design and development skills, is educational and fun.

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, and experience joy. The Kiwanis team participates annually in the Special Olympics events by providing man hours and funding to facilitate the Special Olympics.

STAR Riding Academy

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. We provide both financial and manpower support. We sponsor Sampson, a Chestnut Draft Cross Gelding.

Trout in The Classroom

We provide financial and manpower support for this environmental education program. Three schools currently participate in this program; Fort Loudoun Middle, North Middle and Greenback Middle. 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 receive trout eggs from a fish hatchery, at no cost. 2 sizes of food are also donated by the 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.

Weekend Food 4 Kids

We provide both financial and manpower support for this program which presently serves students attending Loudon Elementary School. Our members pack bags of healthy snacks from the 4 food groups. They begin at 9:30 a.m. and are usually finished by 10:30 a.m. Teachers distribute the bags, confidentially, to these children on Friday's when school is in session. Food is purchased through Second Harvest; who delivers the items directly to the school.

Youth Services Committee Continued

Without Limits

Without Limits program began in 2019 in Monroe County. It offers baseball to athletes with special needs. Without Limits works with the Loudon Diamond Club; which offers youth baseball and softball to local children. Sweetwater and Tellico Plains were the first Without Limits teams. The Loudon Without Limits team made its debut April 26, 2023. It consists of players ages 5 to 28. We offer financial funding, and volunteers to help support the athletes.

Our club supports additional organizations through annual donations.

Kids First – Child Advocacy Center (CAC) <https://www.kidsfirsttn.org/>

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.

International Program Lions Academy School in Kenya.

Ronnie Raper Children’s Music Program

From Etowah, Ronnie provides free musical instruments & instructions to underprivileged middle school students.

Disadvantaged Children Cold Weather Clothing Fund

Winter jackets are purchased for disadvantaged children within the Lenoir City and Loudon School systems.



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

PROJECTS

Buddy Benches

This project involves collecting plastic bottle/jar caps that are non-recyclable. A Kiwanian orders the bench by phone. The plastic is delivered to Green Tree Plastics in Indiana and the order is picked up. The collected plastic is made into a "Buddy Bench" via an extrusion process. Our club provides minor funding support for the program. The goal of a Buddy Bench is to help reduce social isolation. If a child is having a difficult day, they sit on the bench. This is a signal to others that they may need a "buddy." This project has expanded branching out into new counties, other Kiwanis Clubs, and charitable organizations.

Christmas Adopt-A-Family and Santa's Helpers

Three families, in need of assistance, are selected through the Lenoir City Family Resource Center. Each family is "adopted" by a Kiwanian. The Kiwanis member purchases gifts for each family member they received from the Family Resource Center.

A few weeks prior to Christmas, members from our club step up as Santa's Helpers. They volunteer to wrap Christmas gifts for distribution to disadvantaged children vetted by the Lenoir City Family Resource Center. Over 400 gifts are wrapped each year. The Adopt-A-Family and Santa's Helpers Project brings joy to those in need every year.

Commodity Food Distribution

Once each quarter, Kiwanis helps coordinate with the Mid-East government organization for the receipt, packing, and delivery of surplus government commodities to residents in Lenoir City. Those receiving food are primarily low-income elderly or handicapped individuals unable to pick up the food themselves. Recipients are qualified for the distributions through Mid-East. Packers should arrive by 9:00 a.m. & drivers by 10:00 a.m.

Good Neighbors Shoppe

This shop is operated by volunteers with the profits donated to many charitable organizations throughout the county. Kiwanians volunteer their time weekly. Additional volunteers are always needed. The Good Neighbor Shoppe gives back over \$400,000 annually to the charities.

The Good Samaritan Center

Kiwanians volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center. The Center can always use more volunteers. Either to work a four-hour shift in their pantry stocking food items, or packing bags of food for distribution to clients. In-take workers and front desk reception is another area that needs support. During the year, additional volunteer support is needed with special projects 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.

Sunshine Coordinator

Our Sunshine Coordinator provides inspiration and encouragement to fellow Kiwanians. SC sends out birthday cards, get well wishes and sympathy condolences using Ecard software. The SC keeps the club prayer list up-to-date. Eblasts are sent asking members if they or someone they know would want to be included on our prayer list. The list is copied to our club's Newsletter editor. SC periodically follows-up with those on prayer list for updates. The updates are also forwarded to our club's Newsletter editor.

Tea at The Neighborhood

This event is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It provides an opportunity for our Kiwanis ladies to socialize with many of the women who reside at The Neighborhood. The Kiwanis gals bring sweets, and bake goods. The hot tea is served in beautiful bone China cups, complete with saucers. The residents enjoy being pampered and everyone has a delightful time.

Tellico Working Together

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

Our club supports additional organizations through annual donations.

Habitat for Humanity Loudon County

<https://loudoncountyhabitat.org/>

Iva's Place – A Program Serving Victims of Domestic Violence

<https://www.ivasplace.org/>

Our Place, Day Care center for those suffering from Alzheimer's.

<https://www.ourplaceln.org/>

Tellico Village Library

<https://www.tvlibrary.org/>

Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department

<https://www.tellicofd.org/>

Tellico Village WATeR Program

<https://www.tellicowater.org/>

***The mission of WATeR is to protect the environment of the Tellico Reservoir & its Watershed.
Water Quality, Lake Shore Cleanup, Maintenance of Trails etc.***

TAP Program (Technology Access Program)

<https://www.tvcuc.org/technology-access-program/>

Veteran Assist Program

<https://www.tellicovillagevfwpost.org/local-help/>

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, and assuring funds for the purchase of kindergarten classroom supplies.

PROJECTS

Lending Library

This program brings the school library to the kindergarten classes at Lenoir City Elementary School. Once a Week, on Thursdays during the school year, a cart stocked with library books is placed outside each classroom door (one cart for each classroom). Each member is assigned to a cart, serving as the “librarian.” Prior to the school start each child is permitted to search for a book, take the library card out of the pocket 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 the parent as they read the book to their child. Volunteers spend approximately one hour of their time, from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Early Childhood Literacy

Every other Thursday of the month during the school year, volunteers read to Pre-Kindergarten children at Lenoir City Elementary School. This project follows the Lending Library program held on the specified Thursday morning.

The children gather in classrooms and listen to a book reading by a volunteer. The children are attentive and very often a question-and-answer session follows. This program helps to introduce young children to the fascination of books.

Kindergarten Round Up (Lenoir City)

We assist school staff in conducting kindergarten registration and multiple assignments.

Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids

Volunteers knit or crochet booties, mittens, hats, blankets for disadvantaged families with newborns and infants.

Young Children: Priority One Committee Continued

Lenoir City Elementary School Book Fair

The Lenoir City Elementary School conducts an annual book fair during the first few weeks of school. The fair offers an opportunity for parents and grandparents to buy books for their children at a very reasonable low price. Kiwanis support allows children without the financial means to participate in the fair. Our members also volunteer their time to assist at the book fair.

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Dolly Parton Book Program (Imagination Library)

Friends of Tennessee Babies with Special Needs
<https://helpingbabies.org/>

Head Start Book Distribution at Harrison Hills Start Center
<https://headstartprograms.org/center-189701.html>
hellingjah@aol.com

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

Let's Talk

https://www.lenoircityschools.com/31602_3

An early literacy program designed to help parents learn and practice activities and techniques for different critical developmental skills.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

The Purpose of the Membership Committee is to maintain, engage and grow the current membership of the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village. Our current goal is to increase net membership by at least 5% each year.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility to encourage and assist the current members to recruit new members. The Membership Committee identifies sponsoring members to act as mentors to the new inductee. It is our expectation that the mentor will assist the new member in identifying and facilitating involvement in projects that engage them. We promote the premise that new members provide our Club strength through numbers and are an avenue of new ideas for our community programs.

The Membership Committee provides an Orientation Meeting prior to all new member inductions, outlining the history of the Kiwanis International as well as the Tellico Village Club. Local Committee Programs of our Club are explained and new member expectations are discussed.

The Committee is also charged with the responsibility of maintaining the current membership roster. The Committee realizes that members move on and there is a need to determine why they have severed their relationship with our Club.