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INTRODUCTION

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

It aims to educate members and help them choose projects for volunteering their time and expertise. The Project Directory is a useful tool for all our members.

- Veteran members, who after serving years on a particular project, search for a new and unique experience.
- Newer members will find this directory to be highly 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 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) focuses on the Kiwanis mission of “Serving the Children of the World.” Through educational projects and addressing areas of need, YSC aims to develop character, expand young minds, challenge creativity, and foster a sense of well-being for youth from kindergarten through college. Kiwanians collaborate with school partners in the community to support projects with financial assistance and labor to maintain existing initiatives and create new ones that address unmet needs. Examples of these projects include 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 hands-on assistance in providing therapeutic tricycles to special needs children 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. The therapeutic benefits are multifaceted, enhancing motor skills, boosting physical strength, and significantly improving self-esteem of young riders.

Back to School Clothing Program

Collaborating 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 contributes both financial resources and volunteer efforts to this program 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's partnership with Loudon High School Key Club fosters leadership and civic responsibility among young people. We support these students financially and guide them in community projects, helping them develop leadership skills and a sense of civic duty. Their projects address local and broader issues, shaping them into initiative-taking citizens who make a positive impact.

Youth Services Committee Continued

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 contribute both financial resources and volunteer efforts to this program through the school Family Resource Centers to assist with student tutoring.

Robotics in the Classroom

Kiwanians collaborate with schools to develop STEM skills using Robotics. Kiwanis funds and corporate partners help purchase modern equipment and materials. The benefits of a Robotics Program include sparking interest in STEM, preparing for careers, enhancing problem-solving, promoting creativity, developing critical thinking, encouraging collaboration, boosting confidence, providing real-world understanding, developing design thinking, cultivating coding skills, enhancing product design skills, and being educational and fun.

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics is an international sports organization founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, which provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports, promotion their physical fitness, personal growth, and inclusion in society. Our Kiwanis Club is a proud supporter of this organization. Our members attend local events yearly by manning the participants ribbon table and through funding.

STAR Riding Academy

STAR is a therapeutic riding program, with over four hundred volunteers that assist individuals 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 ten surrounding counties. We provide both financial and labor support. We sponsor Sampson, a Chestnut Draft Cross Gelding.

Trout in The Classroom

We support this environmental education program with financial and labor resources. Currently, three schools participate: Fort Loudoun Middle, North Middle, and Greenback Middle. K-12 students raise trout from eggs to fry, monitor tank water quality, study stream habitat, foster a conservation ethic, appreciate water resources, and understand ecosystems. Every fall, a hatchery donates trout eggs and food. Daily feeding of the fish, with weekly aquarium and water quality checked. Each spring, students release trout into state-approved streams or rivers during a field trip.

Youth Services Committee Continued

Weekend Food 4 Kids

We contribute both financial resources and volunteer efforts to this program, which supports students at Loudon Elementary School who are in need. Our members pack bags filled with nutritious snacks from the four essential food groups. The packing begins at 9:30 a.m. and is typically completed by 10:30 a.m. Teachers discreetly distribute these snack bags to the children on Fridays during the school term. Second Harvest handles the purchase and delivery of the food items directly to the school.

Without Limits

This inclusive program, which began in Monroe County in 2019, aims to make baseball accessible to everyone, regardless of their abilities or disabilities. Sweetwater and Tellico Plains were the first Without Limits team. Working with the Loudon Diamond Club, the Loudon Without Limits team made its debut April 26, 2023. This team, comprising players aged 5 to 28, benefits from community and sponsor donations, receiving uniforms and participation at no cost. Our club proudly supports this endeavor with financial funding and volunteers, embodying the spirit of inclusivity and community engagement that defines the Without Limits Program.

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 - The Community Services Committee offers activities for all interests and talents. All Kiwanis members are welcome to join. We look forward to your participation.

PROJECTS

ABC Program (Caps for Benches)

The ABC Program is an inspiring initiative that transforms non-recyclable plastic caps and lids into functional and meaningful benches and tables, fostering inclusivity and reducing social isolation among children. Through collaboration with Green Tree Plastics in Indiana, the collected plastic is processed using an extrusion method. While providing minor funding, our club observes the project's expansion to new counties, involving other Kiwanis Clubs and charitable organizations. This expansion supports environmental sustainability and community engagement.

Christmas Adopt-A-Family and Santa's Helpers

Three families selected by the Lenoir City Family Resource Center are supported by members of the Kiwanis Club, who purchase gifts for each family member. Prior to Christmas, club members volunteer as Santa's Helpers to wrap more than four hundred gifts for children in need. The Adopt-A-Family and Santa's Helpers Project consistently bring joy to those in need each year.

Commodity Food Distribution

Our Kiwanis Club coordinates with the Mid-East government organization to deliver surplus government commodities to Lenoir City residents every quarter. Kiwanis members meet at the War Memorial Building at 101 N B Street, Lenoir City. The volunteer packers start at 9:00 a.m. to pack the USDA food into bags. The delivery volunteers begin their deliveries at 10:00 a.m. It is heartening to know that the recipients, who are qualified by Mid-East, are low-income elderly or disabled individuals who are unable to pick up the food themselves. This effort certainly has a significant positive impact on their lives.

Good Neighbors Shoppe

This shop is operated by volunteers, with all profits donated to local charities. Members of the Kiwanis Club contribute their time weekly; however, additional assistance is required. The Good Neighbor Shoppe contributes over \$400,000 annually to charitable causes.

The Good Samaritan Center

Kiwanians volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center. A 4-hour shift stocking food items or packing food for distribution to clients. In-take workers and front desk reception is another area that needs support.

Sunshine Coordinator

Our Sunshine Coordinator inspires and encourages members by sending birthday cards, get-well wishes, and sympathy condolences using Ecard software. The SC updates the prayer list, sends eblasts to ask if anyone needs prayers, and contacts those on the list for updates. The prayer list is published in the club newsletter.

Community Services Committee Continued

Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood

The Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood held on the fourth Tuesday is a charming gathering that fosters community and connection. Hosted by the Kiwanis ladies, it offers a wonderful opportunity for socialization with the women residing at The Neighborhood. This occasion includes a variety of sweet treats and baked goods prepared and provided by the Kiwanis members. The highlight of each get together is the serving of hot tea in elegant bone china cups, complete with saucers, adding a touch of sophistication and warmth. The residents genuinely enjoy this pampering experience, creating an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie. It's an event where laughter, conversation, and the simple pleasure of good company are always in ample supply, leaving everyone with cherished memories.

Tellico Working Together

Kiwanis Club works together with fifteen other civic organizations and churches in the Tellico Village area to support each other in various community-oriented projects and charitable causes. The 16 Organizations that make up TWT currently are Community Church at Tellico Village, First Baptist Church Tellico Village, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village, Rotary of Tellico Village, Lions Club, General Federation of Women Club Tellico Village, Adopt-a-Class, Our Place and Tellico Foundation, Friends of the Library, Stay in TV, Water, T-Bart and 4 Paws Food Bank.

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.ourplacetn.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

YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE COMMITTEE

Overview – YCPO is committed to addressing the intellectual and emotional development of young children by focusing on projects tailored to their unique needs. The organization aims to foster enthusiasm for learning through various activities. These include supporting early reading initiatives and ensuring funding for the acquisition of kindergarten classroom supplies.

PROJECTS

Learning Library

The Learning Library Program at Lenoir City Elementary School is an exemplary initiative designed to promote a passion for reading among kindergarten students. Every Thursday, resolute Kiwanis volunteers serve as librarians. Equipped with a cart full of diverse books, children are given the opportunity to independently select a book that interests them. This process not only empowers young learners to make their own reading choices but also instills a sense of responsibility as they manage their borrowed books. Teachers supply folders containing useful reading tips for parents, ensuring that the reading experience continues beyond the classroom into the home. This endeavor fosters an environment that celebrates literacy and promotes lifelong learning. Volunteers dedicate approximately one hour of their time from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Early Childhood Literacy

The Early Childhood Literacy Program at Lenoir City Elementary School is designed to promote books and reading among Pre-Kindergarten children. Held every other Thursday during the school year, this program complements the Lending Library initiative, providing a literacy experience. Volunteers read aloud to the children, capturing their attention and inspiring their imagination.

The interactive question-and-answer sessions that follow encourage curiosity and engagement, helping to develop critical thinking and comprehension skills. This program introduces children to storytelling and aims to lay a foundation for lifelong learning and literacy.

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 reasonable 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)

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/>

This program supports the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Loudon County, which is currently managed for the county by the Loudon County Education Foundation (LCEF). It provides one book a month to children ages 0 – 5 in the county who are registered in the program. The books are mailed by the Imagination Library directly to the child's home. In Tennessee, the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation pays half of the annual \$25 cost per child and the balance is raised by LCEF.

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>

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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 Membership Committee aims to maintain, engage, and grow the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village's membership. We aim to increase net membership by at least 5% each year.

The Committee encourages current members to recruit new ones, providing mentors for new inductees to help them get involved in projects. New members strengthen our Club with fresh ideas for community programs.

Before inducting new members, the Committee holds Orientation Meetings to explain the history of Kiwanis International and the Tellico Village Club, local programs, and new member expectations.

The Committee also manages the membership roster and examines why members leave.