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Kiwanis Mardi Gras Fundraiser

The Kiwanis Club of Kishwaukee-DeKalb was formed in September 1969 with the purpose of supporting, serving and improving the quality of life for children and families within our community and the world. With funds from the Mardi Gras fundraiser we are able to serve the children, families and individuals in need by supporting local charitable organizations and assisting with various community service projects.

Since the 1970s, our Kiwanis club have donated over \$300,000 to help provide matching funds and assist in building numerous multi use bike pathways and walking trails throughout our greater DeKalb community. Most recently, when a bicyclist was struck by an automobile and killed on his way to work on Fairview Drive in DeKalb our Kiwanis club was able to provide seed money for donated for a matching grant to construct a bike/walk path along a portion of Fairview Drive.

Funds from the Kiwanis Mardi Gras fundraiser will serve to replenish club reserves for future pathway projects and will also be used to support a number of local charitable organizations, services and Kiwanis programs, with special focus on those that serve children and scholarships. Kiwanis also supplies service hours for all funded programs where appropriate. Following are a few of those funded and supported.

- Kishwaukee Kiwanis Bike Path at Hopkins Park, Original paths around NIU campus, Peace Road pathway, Dresser Road and Fairview Road extensions, etc. through funding and annual clean up days.
- DHS Scholarships: Kiwanis Club of Kishwaukee-DeKalb (direct club sponsorship), and the Barry Haber Scholarship (DCCF)
- SLP (Kiwanis Student Leadership Programs), KEY Club at DHS, NIU Circle K (when available), and AKtion Club at Opportunity House through funding and hands on support of these programs.
- Food Pantries: Salvation Army (Let's Talk Turkey & Freezing For Food), and Rooted For Good (funding & distribution of food)
- Opportunity DeKalb's Fun Jam in the Park, a summer fun time at various parks in DeKalb. By funding specific days of fun and participating in all the fun the kids have.
- 4-H Foundation, Biggar's speech competition with winners going to regional and state competitions.
- DeKalb Public Library, 8-Countries and World of Reading, America 250 programs, Friends of the Library Book Sales. Through funding and donations of books and time to help with programs.
- Voluntary Action Center, Meals on Wheels (2 months of delivering meals) and other various programs.
- DeKalb County Community Foundation, Community Works programs.
- Head Start, Bookcase Project (bookcases and books to 4-year-old kids)

These are just a few of the projects and programs Kiwanis Club of Kishwaukee-DeKalb supports. Please help us to continue and expand support to the kids and families in the DeKalb communities and our bike paths, parks, and greenspaces.

Thank you for helping us serve our community
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