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ELLICOTT CITY, MD



## 2021-2022 Annual Report

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## President's Note

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City has proudly served our community for 82 years! As we prepare to end another Kiwanis service year, it is important to recognize the work that we have done in our community as we strive to improve the lives of children. This year we continued to navigate the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, as the public health crisis has changed our society forever. Despite that, we were successful in providing service to the community, executing fundraisers, and strengthening partnerships. We worked together as a family from day 1 to day 365, all for the betterment of Ellicott City and the greater Howard County community. I could not be more proud of our club for the efforts we put forth this year! It was an extreme pleasure to serve as your club president, alongside a fantastic Board of Directors. As we reflect on the past year, we must also look to the coming year, as there will always be more work to be done!

In Kiwanis Spirit,

*Jennifer L. Hiscock*

## 2021-2022 Club Goals

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1. To recruit and retain five new members.
2. To create a diverse and inclusive club within a variety of demographic aspects to match the profile of Howard County.
3. To complete at least one service project with each of our Sponsored Leadership Program clubs (Circle K, Key Club, K-Kids, and Cub Scouts).
4. To recruit one new partner.
5. To engage our grant recipients in a two-way partnership after awarding their funding.
6. To develop and implement a project, specific to Ellicott City.
7. To complete a community needs assessment.



## 2021-2022 Board of Directors

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President - Jennifer Hiscock  
President-Elect - Benita Walls  
Secretary - Mark Wendell  
Treasurer - Rich Funke  
Immediate Past President - Courtney Walton  
Director - Andrew Wong  
Director - Bob Martin  
Director - Margie Gardner  
Director - Michael Ball

## 2021-2022 Committee and Project Chairs

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Partnerships and Service Projects - Jennifer Hiscock  
Fundraising, Promotions, and Marketing - Courtney Walton  
Membership - Andrew Wong  
Service Leadership Programs - Joshua Hiscock  
Finance - Rich Funke  
Financial Review - Bob Martin  
Scholarships - Mark Wendell  
Nominations - Courtney Walton

Installation and Recognition Banquet - Benita Walls  
Adopt a Road - Len Hart  
Backpacks for Breaks - Joshua Hiscock  
Set for Success School Supply Drive - Joshua Hiscock  
Cub Scout Pack 838 Charter Organization Representative - Andrew Wong  
Girls on the Run - Courtney Walton  
Wine in the Woods - Michael Ball  
Service Leadership Club Kiwanis Advisors - Michael Ball, Bob Martin,  
Sherry Trotcha, Pat Curran, Jennifer Hiscock, and Joshua Hiscock

## Membership

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*An \* indicates those who were new members to our club during the 2021-2022 service year.*

Michael Ball

Alexander Billioux \*

Jim Blake

Kristen Byrnes

Michael Byrnes

Patrick Curran

Elizabeth Fitch

Rich Funke

Margie Gardner

Len Hart

Jennifer Hiscock

Joshua Hiscock

Gus Katsampis

Frank Kelly

Warren Letsch

Bob Martin

Jay Massey

Guv Mitchell

Kennette Mitchell

Jean Scarborough

Stephanie Schindler

Harry Slade

Barb Stamatakis \*

Beth Stolte

Steve Stolte

Sherry Trochta

Charlie Wallace \*

Benita Walls

Courtney Walton

Mark Wendell

Andrew Wong



# October 2021

## Installation and Recognition Banquet - October 4th

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City gathered at Bertucci's in Columbia to celebrate the 2020-2021 service year and the Board of Directors who led us through the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the board members' commitments to our club were celebrated, as they encountered many challenges but continued pushing forward to provide quality service to the community. Kiwanis guests from the Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy, Kiwanis Club of Crofton, Kiwanis Club of Severna Park, and Kiwanis Club of Next Generation e-Club all were in attendance to join in terrific fellowship!

Joshua Hiscock was recognized as the 2021 Kiwanian of the Year and Rich Funke was recognized as the 2021 Board Member of the Year. Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Krista Latchaw retired our 2020-2021 Board of Directors and installed our 2021-2022 Board.

Thank you to President-Elect, Benita Walls who planned the terrific event!





# October 2021

## Kiwanis ONE Day - October 24th

Kiwanis ONE Day is an annual observance where members of Kiwanis, K-Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club, CKI, and Aktion Club come together to perform service and strengthen our bonds as a Kiwanis family. The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City members and their families designed bookmarks for the Maryland Book Bank. It was a fun activity for all ages!



## Trunk or Treat - October 31st

Club members joined Cub Scout Pack 838 as one of the treat stations during their annual Trunk or Treat event. It was a spooktacular time and the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City members cannot wait to attend again!





# November 2021

## Key Club Week - November 1st - 5th

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City sponsors Key Clubs at six Howard County high schools - Atholton, Centennial, Glenelg, Marriotts Ridge, Mt. Hebron, and River Hill. Our members are proud of these young servant leaders who are changing the world and were excited to celebrate Key Club Week, which started with members from Glenelg and Mt. Hebron coming to provide updates on their club's successes, challenges, and how we could provide support.



## Veteran's Day Parade - November 7th

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Our club members marched with our sponsored Cub Scout Pack (838) in the annual Howard County Veteran's Day Parade.



# December 2021

## Club Holiday Party - December 6th

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Club members gathered together at La Palapa Too for a terrific holiday celebration! It was an awesome time complete with a white elephant gift exchange, ugly sweater contest, and holiday-themed word search! A great time was certainly had by all!



## Backpacks for Breaks - Winter Edition

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After months of planning and preparation, members of our Kiwanis club gathered to execute our winter installment of *Backpacks for Breaks*, our signature service project designed to address food insecurity in our community.

On Tuesday, December 21, club members, fellow Kiwanis members, and guests gathered to fill 150 backpacks with 11 days of meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks). That totals over 4,950 meals! The group made quick work of the project, doing all of the packing in around three hours. Thanks to a generous donation from the Coastal Companies, members packed 3,000 pieces of fresh fruit into 150 reusable grocery bags. This provided a healthy addition to our club's offering.

Club members then transported the backpacks to Cradlerock Elementary School for distribution to local children from Cradlerock ES and Lake Elkhorn MS.



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# January 2022

## Game Night Social - January 17th

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Our club members gathered for a fun and engaging social which was planned by our Membership Committee Chair, Andrew! Those in attendance played mind-meld, charades, and concluded the evening with a scavenger hunt where they looked for items that started with each letter of the alphabet. Nothing is the same as being in person to enjoy dinner and fellowship, but it was a great night with lots of laughs!



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - January 17th

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The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was the 27th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. In celebration, 8 club members designed drawstring bags for children in foster care. The bags will provide comfort to children during times of transition from one home to the next.

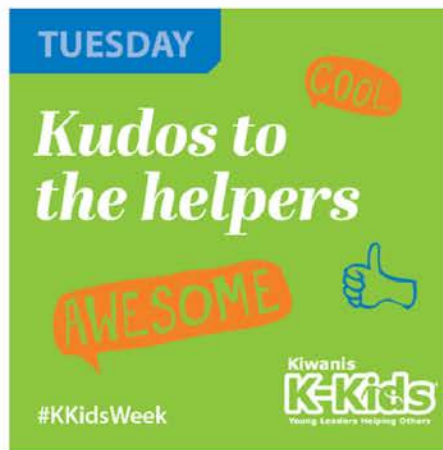




# February 2022

## K-Kids Week - February 21st - 25th

K-Kids Week is celebrated the third full week of February and gives members the opportunity to show their community what K-Kids is truly about: service. The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City is proud to sponsor the K-Kids Club at the Chesapeake Math & IT Elementary School in Laurel, Maryland. Each day placed an emphasis on service, to promote K-Kids within homes, schools, and communities, and to make K-Kids a household name.

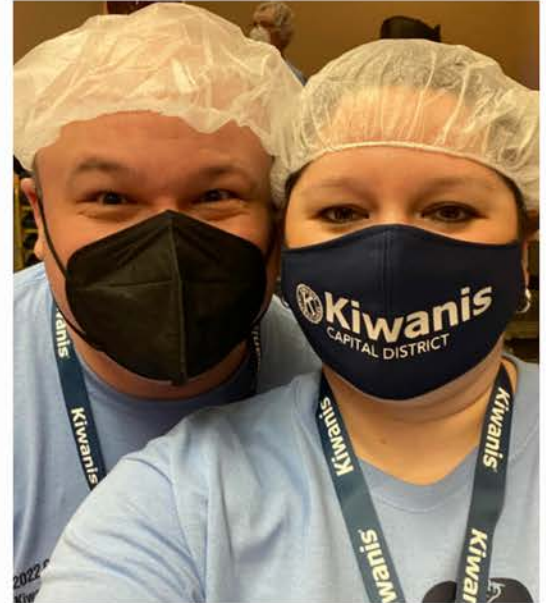


# March 2022

## Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference - March 4th - 6th

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During the weekend, our club was recognized as a Distinguished Club for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year! This is a recognition that less than 10 clubs earned out of 170 in the entire district! To be recognized as a distinguished club, there are eight various criteria points and each club must meet at least 6. Our club met all 8 criteria points! Earning this distinction is a celebration for our entire club, as everyone worked together to make the 2020-2021 year a success!



As part of the Capital District Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference, club members Josh and Jenn Hiscock, helped to pack 3,000 for The Replenish Foundation. All the of the meals stayed in the Greater Williamsburg (conference location) area to help combat food insecurity.

## 82nd Anniversary - March 18th

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We were the 67th club to be formed within the Capital District Kiwanis family and our sponsor club was Pikesville!





# April 2022

## Backpacks for Breaks - Spring Edition

In early April, the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City met to fill 150 backpacks with 10 days worth of food as part of its Backpacks for Breaks partnership with the Howard County Public School System. The volunteer team included 14 members of the Kiwanis club and 13 guests, including members of Cub Scout Pack 838, the Kiwanis Club of Capital District - Next Generation e-Club, the Key Club at Glenelg HS, the Key Club at Marriotts Ridge HS, the Key Club at River Hill HS, and the Hawks Fight Hunger Club at River Hill HS.

In total, over 4,950 meals and snacks were provided to alleviate the food insecurity many students and families face during school breaks when free and reduced-cost meals are not readily accessible. Thank you to Coastal Sunbelt for their generous donation of 2,000 pieces of fresh fruit to the project, allowing each student to receive both a backpack stocked with food, as well as a reusable shopping bag filled with healthy snacks. Thank you, also, to the many members of the community who made generous donations to help fund this program. This initiative would not be possible without you. We are proud of this hands-on service project that engages our community and the entire Kiwanis family, and we hope to continue it for many years to come!





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# May 2022

## Annual Business Meeting - May 2nd

Every May, our club participates in the Kiwanis International annual youth protection training, receives an update on our club investments managed by Edward Jones, and elects our incoming Board of Directors.

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 elected Board members who will be leading our club as of October 1, 2022!



**Kiwanis**  
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**2022-2023 Board of Directors**

**Director-Designates:** Margie Gardner, Michael Ball, Warren Letzsch, and Sherry Trochta

**Immediate Past-President:** Jennifer Hiscock

**Treasurer-Designate:** Rich Funke

**Secretary-Designate:** To be appointed by the board

**President-Elect-Designate:** Bob Martin

**President-Designate:** Josh Hiscock

**We are excited to serve our club and community!**

## Kiwanis Membership Month Donut Social - May 28th

Kiwanis International celebrates membership month in May, although our members are terrific and should be celebrated every day! Each and every member of our club is pivotal to our success and ability in providing service, as we strive to change the lives of children within our community.

For a fun celebration, club members gathered for donuts and coffee at a local park based on President Jenn's phrase of, "I donut know what we would do with you!"



**"I Donut Know  
What We Would  
Do Without You!"**



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# June 2022

## Girls on the Run 5K - June 4th

Our club was excited to be back to hosting the refreshment stand at the annual 5K run of Girls on the Run of Central Maryland 5K! We are proud to be a long-time sponsor of this outstanding organization. Coffee, pastries, and community service on a Saturday morning!



## Community Yard Sale - June 5th

It was a back-to-back weekend for our Kiwanis Club, as we hosted a community yard sale the day immediately following Girls on the Run! We sold 38 spaces to various community members who sold a large array of goods!

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**Sunday,  
June 5,  
2022**

7:30 a.m. -  
12:30 p.m.

Miller Branch of  
the Howard  
County Library





# July 2022

## Summer Hiatus

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In the month of July, our club took a break in serving the community due to many club members being away on vacation.

On July 9th, club member Josh Hiscock led a session at the Kiwanis International Key Club convention in Washington, DC.



Club members did meet in-person on July 11th for a general membership meeting at Centennial Park. Club members were encouraged to bring the food of their choice and to partake in a social before the membership meeting. There was great weather, awesome company, and even an ice cream social for dessert!



# August 2022

## Back to School Supply Drive - August 24th

Our club partnered with the Howard County Public School System for the "Set for School - Back to School" service project. We provided school supplies for 48 students at Mayfield Woods Middle School. The supplies were distributed at a special event that afforded students an opportunity to select items and assemble their own backpacks. Our members were joined by students from the Key Clubs at Glenelg High School and Marriotts Ridge High School, as well as members of the Kiwanis Club of Capital - Next Generation e-Club. We are proud of this new project and look forward to continuing it in the years ahead!





# September 2022

## Hunger Action Month - September 16th

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Our club was very proud to support the Community Action Council of Howard County during Hunger Action Month! Club members donated 15 pounds of canned goods to the food bank that our members all procured in support of our fellow Howard County residents. Food insecurity exists right here in our community, and we were proud to be an organization that strives to make sure everyone has enough to eat!





# Partnerships

## 2021-2022 Community Grant Recipients

The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City is committed to living out our mission, which is “to improve the lives of youth, families and the communities in Howard County and to support Kiwanis International in their mission throughout the world.” In order to expand and carry out our mission, the club offers grant funding to local non-profit organizations in the Howard County community that focus on children and improving their lives. This is accomplished through an established community grants program that started during the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year.

The following organizations received a combined total of \$6,000 through our grants program during the 2021-2022 Kiwanis year:

Boy Scouts of America

Bright Minds - Howard County Public Schools Educational Foundation

Community Action Council of Howard County

Hopeworks of Howard County

Roger Carter Community Center - Howard County Recreation and Parks

Tastewise Kids

Voices for Children





# Partnerships

## 2021-2022 Partnerships

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City continued or established a service or financial partnership with the following organizations this year:

Boy Scouts of America

Bright Minds - Howard County Public Schools Educational Foundation

Capital District Kiwanis Foundation

Chesapeake Math and IT Elementary School

Coastal Sunbelt Produce

Community Action Council of Howard County

Cub Scouts Pack 838

Deaf Camps

Girls on the Run

HopeWorks of Howard County

Howard County 4-H

Howard Community College

Howard County Government - Recreation and Parks

Howard County Hospital

Howard County Public School System

    Bryant Woods Elementary School

    Centennial High School

    Cradlerock Elementary School

    Glenelg High School

    Marriotts Ridge High School

    Mayfield Woods Middle School

    Mount Hebron High School

    River Hill High School

Kiwanis Children's Fund

Kiwanis Club of Next Generation e-Club

Springfield Hospital Center

Tastewise Kids

The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis Children's Fund, Kiwanis International

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Voices for Children

Wreaths Across America



# Scholarships

## Howard Community College Endowment



HOWARD  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City has been a strong and committed supporter of Howard Community College students. Our club opened an endowment account with Howard Community College in September of 2000 with the goal of providing financial assistance to students in order to ease their ability to obtain a college education. Since that time, through an annual club donation, our endowment account now totals over \$75,000 as of June 1, 2022! Additionally, our endowment has provided scholarships to 55 students for a combined amount of \$35,000 since 2002!





# Awards and Recognition



## Teenager of the Year

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The 2022 recipient of the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City's Teenager of the Year Award was Avala (Ava) Stamatakis, a junior at Glenelg High School. In her personal statement, Ava shared the following:

*"My experiences serving others have constituted an extraordinary journey and have taught me invaluable lessons. First: service is for everyone. Regardless of one's race, gender, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, etc., they can always contribute to the world. Second: service is a source of joy for both the server and the served. The served experiences joy from having their needs met, and this joy radiates from the served into the server. Lastly: the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in serving others. Through volunteering, I have been able to discover my true passions, uncover my beliefs, and learn more about myself than ever before."*

One of her recommendation letters stated the following:

*"Ava has made a difference in her community by encouraging everyone to get involved and to serve. Her lead by example efforts have put her at the top of the service hours earned log. She is always looking for opportunities for others to get involved and then encouraging them to join her as she volunteers right beside them. Her friendly smile and inclusive attitude let everyone know that she wants them to enjoy serving others as much as she does."*

Ava was also named the recipient of the 2022 Capital District Kiwanis Division 4 Teenager of the Year Award.



# Awards and Recognition

## Capital District Distinguished Club

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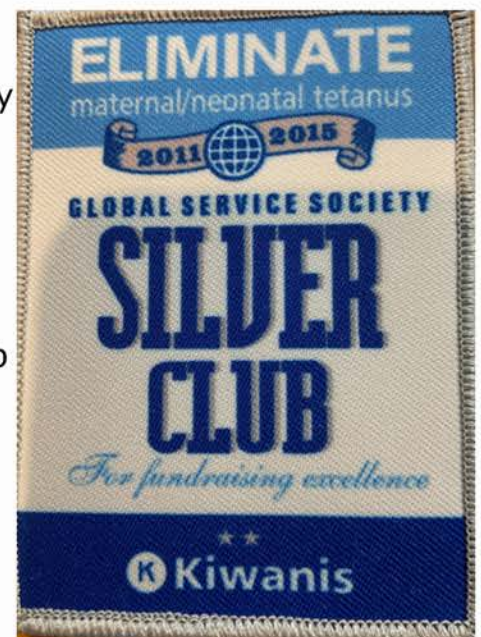
The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City was named a Distinguished Club for the 2020-2021 service year by the Capital District of Kiwanis International. Congratulations to Past President Jennifer Hiscock, the Board of Directors, and all club members for their passionate service and leadership, all of which led to our club achieving this honor.

## Kiwanis Children's Fund Silver Club

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The Kiwanis Children's Fund develops resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world. They focus on issues Kiwanis members care about, particularly in the areas of education and literacy, health and nutrition, and youth leadership development.

Annually, Kiwanis clubs are recognized for their contributions to The Eliminate Project. The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City is very pleased to have received silver level recognition for this past year, which indicates we fundraised and contributed at least \$25 per member to the effort!







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