SCHOLARSHIP TIME

If your club is one of the many Kiwanis clubs to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors, take advantage of the award and send a media release about the students, the scholarships and how your club raises the money. Follow the examples set by clubs in Kenosha, Wisconsin; Manchester, New Hampshire; Marion, Iowa and Cambridge, Ohio. If the media can’t cover your event, take photos and send them to the paper. And don’t forget to share on social media.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

How does your club make a difference in your community? The Kiwanis Club of St. Charles, Illinois, recently raised US$10,000 to help the park district buy wheelchair-accessible swings for
playgrounds.

The Kiwanis Club of Northampton, Massachusetts, is working on several projects, including a neonatal trauma kit for the local emergency medical services provider, and the Kiwanis Club of Fort Dodge, Kansas offers a pancake day to provide books to students and support for The Eliminate Project.

Whatever your club does, share your story with a media release template.

CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECTS

The 2019 Kiwanis International Convention will provide daily opportunities to volunteer from 8-10 a.m. in the World Showcase. On Thursday, June 27, volunteers can help assemble Kiwanis hospital dolls; on Friday, June 28, volunteers will assemble no-sew blankets and on Saturday, June 29, volunteers can help Reading is Fundamental organize books for donation to Sunrise Elementary School. Blankets will be donated to Project Linus, and the dolls will be donated to Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital. All donation sites are in the Orlando, Florida, area.

Convention attendees are asked to bring a book appropriate for children ages 6 to 10 to include in the book donation project. Books in the Spanish language are welcome and encouraged as there is a large population of Hispanic students at the school.

FLORIDA BOUND

Sending delegates to the 104th Annual Kiwanis International Convention? Publicize their involvement in shaping our volunteer
organization by preparing a news release. Download our template, customize with the attendees’ information and send to local media.

GET STARTED

ELIMINATE UPDATE

Chad is the 26th country to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus since the start of The Eliminate Project. The World Health Organization (WHO) recently presented the official certificate to Chad’s minister of health in recognition of the country’s Kiwanis supported-efforts.

MNT remains a threat in 13 countries: Afghanistan, Angola, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Yemen.

Want to help clubs learn more about The Eliminate Project? Check out this report from UNICEF that celebrates wins against maternal and neonatal tetanus.

GIVE NOW

EXPERT ADVICE

Your interview is going well, you’ve answered all the questions because you memorized your talking points and the last question becomes your downfall. The reporter asks a question that has nothing to do with the topic of your interview. If you’re prepared, you won’t fall apart. Follow the advice from Ragan’s PR Daily and you’ll never make this mistake.

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