



WHAT BENEFITS WILL YOUR COMMUNITY AND NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE FROM JOINING KIWANIS?

Study after study shows that volunteering with an organization like Kiwanis does more than make people feel good.

- Volunteering enhances social networks, which help buffer people against stress and disease, and eases pressure on health systems.
- Volunteering improves mental health and contributes to higher levels of happiness, self-esteem, self-worth and life satisfaction.
- Service organizations help to galvanize communities in times of need.
- Service organizations contribute to economic growth through community investment.
- States with higher volunteer rates are more likely to have lower mortality rates and less incidence of heart disease.
- Volunteering develops life skills and leadership abilities and can lead to employment opportunities.
- Volunteering helps increase awareness and understanding of public issues.
- Students who participate in community service learning tend to do better in school and are more likely to become future voters.
- Service learning helps grow understanding of diverse cultures and communities, and binds people through shared experiences.



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WHO ARE WE?

Kiwanis is a global volunteer organization that annually raises more than US\$100 million and dedicates more than 18.5 million service hours to strengthen communities and help children. We offer opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to serve, and club members sponsor more than 150,000 community service projects each year.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Schools, hospitals, governments, other nonprofits, corporations, foundations and more have all reaped the benefits of collaborating with Kiwanis clubs. Our hands-on service projects are estimated to have saved communities more than US\$43 million in labor costs alone. By working together, we can accomplish more and create a bigger impact in areas that need it the most.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR COMMUNITIES LIKE YOURS?

In collaboration with local communities, Kiwanis clubs have built all-access playgrounds, restocked libraries, created food pantries, bought medical equipment, hosted diversity fairs, stuffed backpacks with school supplies and much, much more. Local projects are based on the needs of the community.

Kiwanis programs for youth and young adults help to create the next generation of community leaders. For instance, Key Club, the world's oldest and largest service organization for high school students, encourages leadership development through service to others. Aktion Club, the only service club for adults with disabilities, helps members find purpose and self-worth through park cleanups, food drives and other projects. And programs like Bring Up Grades and Terrific Kids empower children to be accountable for themselves so they succeed in life.

Kiwanians also serve outside their communities. Kiwanians raised US\$100 million for UNICEF to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorders and is currently working with UNICEF to raise US\$110 million to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide.

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AKTION CLUB

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Builders Club®
Building Leaders

Kiwanis
K-Kids
Young Leaders Helping Others



WHO PARTNERS WITH KIWANIS?

We work with partners who share our values, have the same collaborative mindset and desire to make the world a better place for children. Landscape Structures Inc., U.S. Army, Nickelodeon, Sister Cities International, JCI, Boy Scouts of America, March of Dimes, IHOP, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Scholastic, Children's Miracle Network, The Thirst Project and Rustic Pathways collaborate with us to make a difference.

HOW ARE SERVICE PROJECTS FUNDED?

Every project is unique. Funds are raised through fundraising projects, member donations, Kiwanis Children's Fund and local Kiwanis foundation grants, or a combination of the above. Plus, partners often assist by providing funding and/or materials at little to no costs.

WHAT COSTS ARE INVOLVED WITH STARTING A NEW CLUB IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Chartering a club requires minimal fees. Once chartered, there are costs to operate the club, which the club members help to determine. Clubs can recruit sponsors to cover costs.