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CHILDREN'S FUND

EMAIL BALLOT BY THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 27, 2026

The following email ballot was sent to the 2025-26 Kiwanis Children's Fund Board on Thursday, May 21, 2026, with responses due by Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Responses were received from: Lenora J. Hanna, President; Richard A. Poulton, President-elect; Robert S. Maxwell, Immediate Past President; Trustees Randolph L. Delay, Margo Dutton, Markus Lanz, Chun-Kuai "Lynn" Liu, Cathy Simmons, Cathy Szymanski, and Jeffrey M. Wolff.

PEDIATRIC MEDICINE SUPPORT GRANT

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EXERCISING BOARD VARIANCE POWER

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Kiwanis Children's Fund May 2026 Email Ballot- Pediatric Medicine Support Grant & exercising board variance power

The Kiwanis Children's Fund Grants Committee met on May 13, 2026 to put forth recommendations for the Pediatric Medicine Support Grant Funds and Exercising Board Variance Power regarding monies CKI raised for UNICEF's WASH program.

TO REGISTER YOUR VOTE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026.

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- ☐ YES, I APPROVE the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board exercising Board Variance Power.
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- ☐ ABSTAIN, I wish to abstain on this vote.

**KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE REPORT**

GRANTS COMMITTEE

May 13, 2026

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Meeting conducted over Zoom

<https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/j/84900115113?pwd=3CCvGngbNPIHztbva3Owxwskvv9aW.1>

2:00 p.m. EDT

Committee Members

Richard Poulton, Chair

Markus Lanz

Margo L. Dutton (absent)

Jeffrey Wolff

Cathy Simmons

Lee Kuan Yong

Staff Liaisons

Elizabeth Warren

Guest(s)

Lenora Hanna, Children's Fund President

Elizabeth Tezza, Children's Fund Vice-President

Robert Maxwell, Children's Fund Immediate Past President

Traycee Lane-Gess, Staff

Ericia Henry, Staff

1. Call to Order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Strategic Items

a. Financial update

Staff provided the committee with a fund balance report and a forecast for the remainder of our fiscal year.

3. Other Business

a. Pediatric Medicine Support Grant(s)

Staff prepared summaries for the 2026 Pediatric Medicine Fund Grants and sent via email on May 6 and can be found in **Exhibit A**. During the committee meeting, funding recommendations were discussed.

See **Recommendation #1.**

b. Exercising Board Variance Power

CKI participated in a fundraiser for UNICEF called WASH a few years ago, with the goal to improve access to and quality of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for those who live in Haiti. The program ended in 2022; however, there is US\$1,220.51 remaining in the restricted fund. To honor donor intent, staff contacted UNICEF for guidance on how we can properly grant this to UNICEF. Unfortunately, UNICEF shared that the program area is currently not open for donations. Also, in the last year they adjusted its policy where gifts under \$100,000 are designated to its unrestricted funding pool, allowing UNICEF to use the funds where most needed.

Staff is requesting the Grants Committee use its variance power to reclassify this fund and therefore comply with both KCF standards and UNICEF.

See **Recommendation #2.**

4. Adjournment at 2:54 p.m.

**KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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May 13, 2026

Recommendation #1

Pediatric Medicine Support Grant

Background:

KCF received 11 applications totaling US\$73,530 in grant requests. There is US\$77,712 available (\$12,712 from the Pediatric Medicine Fund and \$65,000 allocated by the board from the Unrestricted Fund).

The summary of the applications is provided in **Exhibit A**.

Discussion:

The committee reviewed all outstanding grant applications, each worthy of Children's Fund support. After thoughtful discussion, the committee funded eight applications for a total of **US\$46,530**. It was decided that the application received from the Kiwanis Club of Scottsdale was more suited for the Club Grant Program and the club will be contacted with next steps.

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Strategic Intent: In support of KCF mission to provide financial support for clubs' service projects.

Governance: In compliance.

Capacity: Within capacity.

Finance: US\$12,712 from the Pediatric Medicine Support Fund and US\$33,818 from the Unrestricted Fund.

Metrics: Measured by impact reports prepared by the grant recipients.

Effective Date: Upon approval of the Kiwanis Children's Fund board.

**KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE REPORT**

GRANTS COMMITTEE

May 13, 2026

Recommendation #2

Exercising Board Variance Power

Background:

The Kiwanis Children's Fund has the authority to modify restrictions on designated funds as needed to advance the purpose of the original intent of the fund.

Discussion:

The committee discussed the history of the WASH fundraising efforts and agreed to move forward with exercising its variance power and releasing the full balance within the restricted fund to UNICEF's unrestricted fund.

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Strategic Intent: In support of honoring donor intent of the WASH Fund.

Governance: In compliance.

Capacity: Within capacity.

Finance: US\$1,220.51 from the WASH Fund.

Metrics: Measured by impact reports prepared by the grant recipients.

Effective Date: Upon approval by the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE ON GRANTS

EXHIBIT A

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Club	Hospital	Location	Project Name	Project Summary	Children Impacted in 1 Year	Request (US\$)	Project Budget (US\$)	Start Date	Complete Date
Kiwanis Club of Kirkland <i>Pacific Northwest</i>	Evergreen Hospital Medical Center Kirkland, Washington, USA	Kirkland, Washington, USA	First-Time Mothers & Infants	The club is launching a hospital discharge gift program that supports low-income, first-time parents of newborns. Through conversations with their local hospital, the club learned that many first-time parents receiving Medicaid assistance lack access to basic health-monitoring equipment at home, creating barriers to timely care and increasing the risk of unnecessary emergency visits. This project aims to addresses that gap directly at the moment of hospital discharge, when families are most receptive to guidance and most in need of support. Each discharge packet will include a no-touch digital thermometer, a nasal aspirator, and a refrigerator magnet listing key emergency care numbers. Hospital staff will distribute packets, while Kiwanis members assemble and replenish supply through regular work parties and quarterly tracking. A KCF grant will complete the funding needed to purchase thermometers, nasal aspirators, and packaging materials for the first year of the program.	800	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	6/30/2026	6/30/2028
Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria <i>California-Nevada-Hawaii</i>	Marian Regional Medical Center Santa Maria, California, USA	Kirkland, Washington, USA	Happiness Habits Kits	The club will provide Happiness Habits Kits to pediatric patients at the medical center during their hospital stays. Hospitalized children frequently experience heightened anxiety, isolation, and emotional distress, with limited access to resources designed to address those challenges. These kits are designed to provide engaging, mood-boosting activities that reduce boredom, ease anxiety, and promote emotional well-being during what can be a frightening and isolating time. The club has already demonstrated the strength of this model through a successful pilot, assembling and distributing kits across partner organizations. Building on that, an expansion of the project will produce 100 kits for pediatric patients over the course of the grant year, with assembly events woven into regular club meetings and activities with Key Club and College Circle K members. A KCF grant would be used to purchase supplies branded drawstring backpacks for the kits.	100	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,200.00	6/1/2026	6/1/2027

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Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh <i>Michigan</i>	University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA		Preemie Pals Quilts Service Project	The club works directly with Preemie Pals, a volunteer organization that creates handmade quilts for premature and medically fragile infants. Critically ill newborns are placed in incubators where constant noise from medical equipment and intense clinical lighting create a stressful environment that can impede development and healing. The quilts are draped over incubators a calmer space for recovery, while also bringing comfort and a keepsake to families during a difficult time. The club has been involved with Preemie Pals since 2018, growing from financial contributions to active monthly volunteer participation at sewing work sessions alongside two other Kiwanis clubs and community quilters. The club's Young Children Priority One committee will attend monthly work sessions through May 2027, distribute home quilt kits to members, and partner with Key Club students to assist with cutting materials. A KCF grant would be used to purchase batting, solid color fabric, Shout Color Catcher sheets, and Ziplock bags for quilt kits throughout the grant year.	1,450	\$ 2,790.00	\$ 6,975.00	9/3/2026	9/2/2027
Kiwanis Club of Corbin <i>Kentucky-Tennessee</i>	Baptist Health Corbin, Kentucky, USA		Kiwanis Pediatric Comfort and Care Project	The club will assemble and deliver newborn care packages to families at the time of hospital discharge from Baptist Health Corbin. Newborns in the region face an especially uncertain start, born into communities where child poverty reaches 43% and access to follow-up care is severely limited. To address this, each package will include essential infant supplies such as diapers, wipes, clothing, board books, sensory items and a guide to local resources. Together, these items are designed to reduce immediate hardship while supporting long-term developmental outcomes for newborns and their families. A KCF grant of \$11,000 would be used to purchase the supplies for the care packages.	500	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 38,044.00	6/1/2026	5/31/2027
Kiwanis Club of Greater Central Jersey <i>New Jersey</i>	The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's University Hospital North Brunswick, New Jersey, USA		Comfort Kits for Kids	The club is launching a program that supports patients admitted to their local children's hospital. Children and families often arrive at the hospital without basic comfort items, and small gestures can meaningfully reduce fear and anxiety for both patients and their loved ones, especially during unexpected hospital visits. This project aims to address that gap by providing kits that include stress balls, books, crayons, coloring books, and games for younger patients, as well as hygiene items such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, and a brush for teenagers. Club members will actively solicit in-kind donations from local businesses, shop for additional items, assemble the kits at monthly meetings, and deliver them to the hospital. A KCF grant will supplement club contributions and business donations to fund the purchase of kit materials.	50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	5/1/2026	7/17/2026

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Kiwanis Club of Alcoa <i>Kentucky-Tennessee</i>	Prisma Health Blount Memorial Hospital Maryville, Tennessee, USA		Enhancing Pediatric Rehabilitation Care	The club is launching a pediatric rehabilitation enhancement project that supports children receiving therapy services at a local hospital. The club identified that the pediatric rehabilitation center lacks a full range of specialized therapeutic tools needed to treat children with conditions such as autism spectrum disorders, attention deficits, motor planning delays, and communication difficulties. To address this gap, the club plans to purchase therapeutic tools such as play-based items, swings, compression vests, and an interactive metronome, which help improve cognitive, communicative, sensory, and motor skills. The items will be inventoried and put into active use by occupational, physical, and speech therapists, while Kiwanis members will provide ongoing volunteer support through regular collaboration with the rehabilitation center and participation in seasonal events. A KCF grant will be used to purchase these therapeutic tools and equipment.	500	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 5,240.00	6/1/2026	5/31/2027
Kiwanis Club of Global Alliance <i>Eastern Canada and the Caribbean</i>	Mandeville Regional Hospital Mandeville, Jamaica	Broomfield, Colorado, USA	Mandeville Regional Hospital Paediatric Ventilation Project	The club aims to purchase a pediatric ventilator to address a critical shortage of respiratory equipment at Mandeville Regional Hospital. Through direct outreach from hospital staff, the club learned that the NICU has been operating with only one or two functioning ventilators. This strain was worsened significantly by Hurricane Melissa in late 2025, which displaced patients from multiple parishes and increased the department's load. This shortage forces medical staff into difficult clinical decisions and compromises the quality of care for the most vulnerable newborns. This project aims to close that gap. A KCF grant of \$11,000 will complete the funding needed to purchase the ventilation equipment and deliver it to the hospital.	2,000	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	7/31/2026	11/30/2026
Kiwanis Club of Lake City <i>Florida</i>	HCA Florida Lake City Hospital Lake City, Florida, USA		Kiwanis Children's Health Support Initiative	The club will partner with local healthcare, educational, and community organizations to remove barriers children face in accessing essential healthcare services. School nurses and student liaisons will identify students in need and connect them to support for required physicals, medications, medical supplies, and other urgent health needs. Club members will be responsible managing the program by reviewing and approving assistance requests, distributing funds, and coordinating with pharmacy and healthcare partners to ensure children receive timely care. Members will also lead ongoing outreach efforts to strengthen existing partnerships and expand the program's reach over time. A KCF grant would be used to cover school physicals, medications, and medical supplies for an estimated 60 children over the course of the grant year	60	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	9/1/2026	8/31/2027

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Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains <i>Eastern Canada and the Caribbean</i>	Peterborough Regional Health Centre Peterborough, Ontario, Canada		NICU Baby Leo Incuwarmer	The club is pursuing the purchase of a Neonatal Incuwarmer for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at their local hospital. An incuwarmer is a medical device that combines a warming bed and incubator to regulate a newborn's body temperature and provide open-access care for premature or critically ill infants. Through conversations with hospital leadership, the club learned that Women's and Children's Care is among the highest priorities in the hospital's current capital campaign; approximately 20% of babies born at the hospital each year require NICU support. The hospital identified this need and brought the proposal to the club as part of its broader capital campaign. A KCF grant will contribute toward the total cost of the incuwarmer.	350	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	1/1/2020	1/1/2028
Kiwanis Club of Scottsdale <i>Southwest</i>	Valleywise Health - Comprehensive Health Centers Phoenix, Arizona, USA		2026 Valleywise Health Backpack Drive	The club is launching a backpack and school supply drive in partnership with a safety net hospital serving their county. Over 60% of the families served by the hospital come from underserved communities and struggle to afford basic school supplies amid ongoing healthcare and economic pressures. Starting the school year without adequate supplies affects both academic readiness and the mental health of children and families. The club will provide fully supplied backpacks to children across two of the hospital's eight community health locations ahead of the 2026-27 school year. A KCF grant will be used to purchase the school supplies for approximately 500 backpacks.	500	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	4/15/2026	8/15/2026
Kiwanis Club of Wellsburg <i>Capital</i>	Wheeling Hospital Wheeling, West Virginia, USA	Broomfield, Colorado, USA	Wheeling Hospital Children's Nutrition	The club is partnering with their hospital to support the launch of a new Pediatric Nutrition Specialty Clinic. The clinic will serve children from birth through age 19, providing individualized nutrition services and education through a full-time pediatric dietitian, with an expected caseload of 780 children annually. The program will focus on early identification of obesity risk, coordinated provider referrals, and family education around healthy eating and active lifestyles. These areas are a critical need in a region where children face elevated rates of chronic conditions like diabetes and families are frequently forced to travel long distances for specialized pediatric care. The Kiwanis Club will support the clinic through a healthy snack food drive and ongoing volunteer efforts. A KCF grant will help fund equipment, staffing, training, and outreach for the program.	780	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	9/1/2026	9/30/2027
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