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Governor’s Column

As the new year unfolds, many of my fellow Carolina Kiwanians are experiencing a rare blast of winter snow. The news media has captured many wonderful pictures of children playing in the snow - from Wilmington to Charleston to Fayetteville, all the way to the Smokey Mountains. Our children’s delight in this unfamiliar, unanticipated snowfall is reflected in expressions of pure joy as they sled, throw snowballs and make snow angels. Reading USA Today this morning I even found a picture of a boy sledding at the Kiwanis Park in St. Joseph, Michigan.

What sets Kiwanis apart from other service organizations is our emphasis on children: improving the lives of children, one child and one community at a time. 2018 stretches before us as a year filled with possibilities and opportunities. What impact can our local clubs, our Carolinas District and Kiwanis International have on the lives of children locally and globally in 2018?

Will 2018 be the year that the Carolinas District completes its Legacy Fund Drive to sustain the Kiwanis Cottage at Lake Waccamaw? Is this the year that Kiwanis International meets its commitment to UNICEF and Maternal Neonatal Tetanus is Eliminated? What new service projects will our local clubs embark on? Will we grow our membership adding to existing clubs as well as building new clubs? Will we expand service leadership opportunities for our youth and for adults with disabilities during 2018?

The answers begin with you, with me and with our clubs. Carolinas Kids need Kiwanis! I invite you to join with me and your fellow Kiwanians as we begin our journey into 2018 resolving to make a difference in the lives of children and our communities. To quote Mother Teresa, “I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things!” Best wishes for a happy and service filled new year!

Thank You for all you do on behalf of kids!

Mary Jo Brubaker
Carolinas District Governor
Santa Project delivers Christmas gifts, smiles

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By Mike Grizzard

As Rashad headed to another room to open more gifts, all he could say was “I must be dreaming.”

Sunday’s annual Santa Project aimed to make Christmas dreams come true for 125 Boys & Girls Clubs members in Pitt County. For more than two decades, members of University City Kiwanis and the Greater Greenville Kiwanis Club have teamed up to provide gifts for underprivileged children.

The festive event features Christmas carols led by University City member Rob Hall, pizza donated by University City member and Domino’s franchise owner Allen Lyle, cake donated by Food Lion and topped off with a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the opening of presents.

University City raises about $20,000 each year for the gifts, and Greater Greenville members handle the shopping and wrapping.

Ashley Salter, decked out in Christmas pants and with blinking lights around her neck, said putting on the project is hard work with occasional chaos, but the smiles make the effort worth it. Salter kept the line of children moving from Santa to the line of brightly colored bags, holding her list and checking it twice.

“I woke up this morning knowing that for some of these children this is their Christmas, and it’s just exciting,” said Salter, a Greater Greenville member who has participated in the Santa Project for 19 years. “The whole point is the faces and the smiles. It makes my Christmas, it really does.”

Smiles were in abundance Sunday. A wide-eyed Elijah Watts examined a huge box of trucks, from monster trucks to emergency vehicles. Giovanni Kelly and Tyshawn Jackson said “best day ever, best day ever” as they ripped into their packages.

Donyell “DJ” Jones, chief operating officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain, said the Santa Project is one of the highlights of the year.

“It’s an opportunity to see their faces and hear the laughter and see the volunteers and the community come out and give of their time and resources to make sure that kids that may not have a great Christmas have an awesome Christmas,” Jones said. “The kids, I don’t think, know what to expect. They don’t know all the dynamics of it. But when they start singing Christmas carols then get to eat the pizza and the cake, and then walk around the curtain and see Santa sitting there... then the most exciting thing is when they come out and there is this huge bag of gifts just for them.”

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Kiwanis MidYear Conference

MidYear Conference 2018  
Feb 9-11, 2018  
University Hilton, Charlotte, NC

All Kiwanians are invited to our MidYear Conference!  
Many opportunities will be available to everyone to help make our clubs stronger in order to have a higher positive impact in our communities.

We work hard to make all events accessible to our members and recognize that sometimes our bigger events can be cost prohibitive to some. Therefore, we are offering a special SATURDAY DAY PASS. Your club can bring members for only $75 and experience everything on Saturday through 5 pm (excluding Breakfast Buffet tickets and the Charlotte Motor Speedway Tour; tickets are sold separately). After just two (2) members register at the full conference rate, your club’s eligible for this special offer. Your club's President and Secretary will be emailed special instructions to register members for the Saturday Day Pass once the two full registrations have been made.

New this year: we are offering quite a few educational forums catered toward our Service Leadership Program Kiwanis Advisors and our Key Note Speaker, J. Scott Johnson, the Key Club District Administrator, will be speaking on the importance of our Service Leadership Programs.

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The registration fee includes all conference materials, program, conference presenters and/or entertainment, use of Hilton’s conference facilities, Friday night opening session/social with dessert, Saturday luncheon and Saturday night banquet.

Breakfast is offered for each morning of the conference for $16 each, inclusive of tax and gratuity. The buffet is extensive, and a great value!

**There is no guarantee that food functions will be available for your attendance if you register on-site; seating and food service will be on a first registered basis after JANUARY 30th until we have reached the maximum # we can accommodate. Please do not mail registrations after JANUARY 30th.

Charlotte Motor Speedway Tour:

A special two-hour group tour of the Charlotte Motor Speedway will be offered Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm to those that reserve their spot. The group will meet together and carpool over the the Speedway. No buses will be taken.

The tour is only $20 per person and is limited to our first 40 paid!

Our group will visit the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series garage area and take a ride through two infield race tracks. After making our way down Pit Road, there will be time to stop in Winner’s Circle for a photo opportunity. Learn the history of Charlotte Motor Speedway while enjoying a comfortable van ride around the Superspeedway where you will feel the full-tilt force of the 24-degree banking. Plus, visit zMAX Dragway and The Dirt Track at Charlotte on this exciting tour! The group will also get to walk through the press box, to visit one of their 51 front stretch suites to experience a breathtaking view of Charlotte Motor Speedway and then get a sneak peek inside their Performance Racing Network (PRN) studios. Cruise down pit road, tour the Media Center and take a walk down memory lane as you view timeless photos of CMS history.

For a complete schedule, hotel information and registration links, click here.
MidYear continued

First Dude's Service Project: StoryWalk
You are invited to participate in the First Dude's (Dan Brubaker's) Service Project Saturday afternoon at the MidYear conference. Learn by doing as Dan takes you through the process of constructing a StoryWalk from beginning to end. This is an inexpensive service project that can be replicated by your club for less than $200 (or next to nothing if materials are donated). When everything is assembled, the participants will travel to a site in the Charlotte area to install Carolinas Kiwanis First StoryWalk.

What is a StoryWalk? In a nutshell, a StoryWalk is a book that has been dismembered, laminated and presented page by page on a trail, bike path, hallway, or in Store windows to promote reading and exercise. StoryWalks were created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Forums
Back by popular demand, we will be holding an idea fair Saturday morning for our members to speak one-on-one with select committees.

Special emphasis will be placed on our service leadership programs at our conference as well as ways to energize your club! Topics include:

**Energizing Your Club Track:** (5 different forums):
1) Rebuilding Your Club* 2) Building Club Excellence* 3) Conducting a Community Analysis for your club* 4) Recruiting Kiwanis Members by highlighting your Service Leadership Programs and 5) Public Relations and Branding Your Club*
(* repeated Saturday afternoon)

**Service Track:** (2 morning forums, one afternoon forum)
1) Young Children: Priority One and 2) Club Signature Projects
3) First Dude's Service Project Saturday afternoon

**Kiwanis Advisors Track:**
1) Ethics & Working with Youth 2) Collaborating with your Kiwanis Clubs
3) Kiwanis Advisors Meeting Saturday afternoon: Network with other SLP Advisors, Meet the District Administrators and Learn more about Youth Protection

For a complete schedule, hotel information and registration links, click here.

Now Accepting entries for the Club Signature Project Contest

Kiwanis International will again sponsor a Signature Project Recognition Program and Contest in 2018. More than 40 Kiwanis districts participated in last year’s inaugural event, with the top awards going to a playground for children of all abilities, a drug-prevention program and a film festival for children.

This contest showcases many club-level projects Kiwanians undertake around the world to make a difference in their communities. (Last year's submissions and winners are here.)

Please consider submitting your club's signature project. Entry deadline is February 19, 2018.

The Carolinas District will review each submission and then submit one entry for the district’s submission to Kiwanis International. Members of the Kiwanis International Membership Subcommittee on Communications, along with Kiwanis partners, will review all submissions that meet contest criteria. The panel will select 10 finalists—and then, from that group, the gold, silver and bronze winners. The finalists and the top three winners (gold, silver and bronze) will be announced and celebrated during the 2018 convention in Las Vegas. The top projects also will be highlighted in Kiwanis publications, social media and on the website. 
Governor-Elect Candidate

Barbara Day - Governor-Elect Candidate

My vision for us, as we are about to reach our 100th year (2020), is to celebrate the many great things we have done and are doing in our two states. Working together, my goal is to be bold and creative in our teamwork and leadership. Our Service Leadership Programs are “Forward Moving Ever,” and we must continue to work collaboratively—encouraging and inspiring them as they continue to inspire us. The heart and soul of our mission lies in the many clubs we have, and will build in our District. I am committed to helping all clubs reach high and achieve even more than they can possibly imagine.

I am currently serving as Trustee for Region 7 (Divisions 16 and 17) of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis and am a member of the Kiwanis Clubs of Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Roanoke Island, Manteo. For two years I served as Lt. Governor for Division 16.

In the Carolinas District I have served as District Chair of the committee “The First 2,000 Days” and have advocated for children by leading forums for several years at the Carolinas District of Kiwanis MidYear and Annual Conferences bringing together a cadre of national and state leaders both in and outside of Kiwanis. This work has mobilized many leaders in both North and South Carolina to plan projects in their clubs to insure that young children in the most formative years of their lives have the service they need to reach their potential. I have led information fairs at the MidYear and Annual Conferences.

Invited by Kiwanis International to the Kick-Off Conference in Kentucky for “The First 2000 Days Initiative,” I have been on the committee since it was formed in 2013. Attending the International Convention in Tokyo I served with International Past President, Dr. Wil Blechman in hosting a booth and soliciting significant projects to share with convention participants.

I have received four outstanding awards from the Carolinas District of Kiwanis: In 2013-14, for “Valuable Contributions and Outstanding Leadership Award,” in 2014-15, the Outstanding Lt. Governor Award and the Distinguished Lt. Governor Award, “both for Outstanding Service and Leadership,” and in 2016-17, a new award for the Carolinas District, The Lighthouse Award for “Distinguished Service and Leadership and for Club Openings.” I have opened two new Kiwanis Clubs. As Lt. Governor I was the club opener for the Roanoke Island Club in Manteo and as Trustee I was the club opener for the Down East Greenville, NC Club.

In my own Chapel Hill-Carrboro Club I served as Co-President and as Director for several years. I created a Club Satellite and started a “Read Around the World” Project at the UNC Children’s Hospital Playroom. I have chaired and participated in numerous club and community projects. Blessed with high energy and motivation, as a leader I helped my club become a more vibrant service organization-promoting membership and personal growth, increasing community projects and supporting the club’s Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs. Currently, I have completed the requirements for the Distinguished Kiwanian Award for 2016-2017.

Attendance at International Conventions and Carolinas District Conventions is vital to me. I have attended nine of the last ten international conventions and all Carolinas District MidYear and Annual Conventions in the past ten years. I am honored to be a George F. Hixon Fellow and a Walter Zeller Fellow.

As a life-long leader and learner and totally committed to serving the children of the world and being a part of the world’s greatest service organization, I am always seeking new information and change for better “Serving One Child and One Community at a Time.” As examples, I attended both the Wilmington and Rocky Mount Club Coaching sessions. I have also attended several Kiwanis Family Conferences at Black Mountain, enjoying the many exciting activities. Participating in the Formula Training in St. Louis I received the Certificate of Achievement in successfully completing the education course for Club Opening and Club Counseling. I am a graduate of the Leadership Management Program, Harvard University.

I bring a wealth of leadership experience from my own professional background having spent a lifetime serving children-as a Teacher, Principal and Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Chapel Hill School System and as Professor and Chair of Curriculum and Instruction in the School of Education, UNC Chapel Hill.

I am married to Past Governor Doug Day. We have one daughter, two grandsons and nine God children. For additional information on me, you may Google “Barbara Day, Chapel Hill, NC, School of Education” and click on Barbara Day, PhD-Leader and Learner.
Governor-Elect Candidate

Jon Hethcox – Candidate for Governor-Elect

Author’s note: I’ve taken a slightly different tact in writing my Governor-Elect profile. I’ve asked a kid, my nine-year old daughter Caroline to interview me. Here’s the text of our interview. We also recorded the interview you can see that on my Facebook page at fb.com/Jon4GovElect.
This article has been slightly edited for grammar and clarity.

Caroline: Dad, why do you need my help with this article?
Jon (Dad): Because everyone who runs for Governor-Elect needs to write a profile for the District magazine, but rather than doing the same old profile, I thought it would be fun for you to interview me! Because Kids Need Kiwanis and Kiwanis Needs Kids like you!

Caroline: OK. Why are you in Kiwanis?
Jon (Dad): I’m in Kiwanis because I believe that when people of a common purpose work together we can make our community a better place for everyone to live. So, you know I have a Lunch Buddy at Logan Elementary School – and you know that he doesn’t have a lot of the same opportunities that you have. Well, I’m in Kiwanis because I believe that even though I only spend a couple of hours a month with my Lunch Buddy giving him someone to talk to, someone to count on will maybe just make a little difference in his life.

Caroline: Alright, next question – why are you running for Governor-Elect?
Jon (Dad): Ah, that’s a good one! I’m running for Governor-Elect because I want to give back to Kiwanis in a real, substantive way. You know, I was a member of Key Club and Circle K and if it wasn’t for Kiwanis supporting those organizations, I wouldn’t have had the opportunities to do some incredible things in my life. Also, Kiwanis is at a crossroads, which means that we have to make some hard decisions about our future, so I feel like I’m the leader that can help move us to a brighter, more prosperous future. Since 2005, when I joined Kiwanis, membership in North America has dropped by about 30%. And in the Carolinas, the number has been higher than that!

Caroline: Sounds like a tough job, what’s your plan to help get Kiwanis growing again?
Jon (Dad): Another great question that wasn’t staged at all! My plan is “Growth Through Action.” There are three parts to my plan – the first part is Membership Growth – all Kiwanian must personally commit to inviting new members into our organization and build new clubs. The second part is Service Growth – I’ll work to bring best practices from great clubs to all clubs looking to enhance their service experience to their members. And the third part is Personal Growth – these means we’ll reenergize our training programs and invest in bringing solutions to our clubs and develop curriculum that addresses real world issues Kiwanians deal with every day.

Caroline: Good plan, good plan. So, let’s wrap this up – anything else people should know about you?
Jon (Dad): Yup! I’ve been in the Kiwanis family for nearly 20 years, serving as a CKI Governor and Trustee, and just about every position in Kiwanis, a two-term Club President, two-term Distinguished Lt. Governor, District Committee Chair, CKI District Administrator, and lots of other fun assignments!

I also want to mention my family! As you know Mom (Jennifer) is a hard working public school teacher and dedicated Kiwanis Lt. Governor – and she’s a great Mom to you and Lillian (age 7).
Upcoming Events

2017-18 Club Coaching Days

Several similar coaching days will be offered throughout the district this year, bringing essential club excellence training to clubs to help them become stronger and more effective in providing service to their communities and to establish links between the clubs and individuals who can advise and assist them in their efforts.

This event is specifically designed to be:

- **Accessible** (located close to clubs within driving distance)
- **Affordable** (costing only a minimal amount for food and materials), and
- **Substantive** (offering high-quality information in an interactive format).

We intend this event, and those like it, to be the most valuable club strengthening activity of the year for every club in the Carolinas. **Registration is open for January 20 date in Florence. Deadline: January 15**

**New! Any club that started the new Kiwanis year with 20 members or less will get one free registration ($25 value) to the Club Coaching Day of their choice.**

Simply email leahcdo@gmail.com which coaching day you would like to attend by the deadline to be registered.

**Planned Dates**

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Coaching for the Kids

**By: Alec Macaulay, District Growth & Membership Chair**

Michael Jordan. Serena Williams. Babe Ruth. Michael Phelps. Jackie Joyner-Kersee. Roger Federer. What do these famous names have in common? They are each arguably the greatest of all time in their respective sports, but that’s seemingly where the similarities end. This group transcends sport, time, gender, race, nationality and more, but there is at least one other thing they all have in common--they all had a coach. All of the greatest athletes in the world recognize that they can continue to grow and strive for the best with the help of encouragement from an outside perspective in the form of a coach.

What does this have to do with Kiwanis? All over the Carolinas District and the entire world, Kiwanis clubs are focused on serving the children of the world. But that also is where the similarities seemingly end for these clubs. Kiwanis clubs come in a wide variety of sizes, and each has their own unique membership, traditions, and signature project that they’re known for in their community. Our clubs draw from a wide range of locales, ages, professions, and backgrounds, making each club’s membership truly unique.

But aside from our commitment to serving children, there is one other commonality between your club and every other Kiwanis club in the Carolinas and beyond… your club would benefit from having a coach. Thanks to The Formula, dozens of experienced district leaders have been trained and brought “off the bench” to “get back in the game” to help our clubs expand their capacity for service. These club coaches will start just by listening and learning what your club already does well and the role your club has in the community. But as sometimes only a respected guest can, the club coach will also bring ideas from their wide range of experience with other clubs, and tailor their suggestions to the things your club has targeted for improvement.

Want to attract more young professionals? Want to expand your Service Leadership Programs? Want to be better recognized in the community? Or is your club’s goal something different entirely? Regardless, the best way to get started is to welcome a club coach into your leadership planning. In this new year, make a part your club’s resolution to invite a coach to be part of your work. After all, the point of improvement is not for awards, recognition, or our own glory… it’s for the child that we’re not yet serving. But with the strengthening we’ll achieve with the help of a coach, that child’s life will be better, thanks to Kiwanis.

**Want more information on club coaches?**

**Contact District Chair Alec Macaulay at alec.macaulay@gmail.com**

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The Children’s Fund

District’s Return from the Children’s Fund

Listen up Carolinas District Kiwanians! We have an opportunity to get a larger return from our contributions to the Children’s Fund. It is up to you!

For the past few years we have been getting only a 5% return grant on our Annual Club Gifts (ACG). In 2015-16 our monetary amount was $1300, based on $26,000 and change. This past Kiwanis year our return increased to $4225 due to our percent increase to 15% based on $28,000 total contributions. This amount will go a long way to helping save our Key Leader Program.

Here are some projected figures for you:

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Our challenge is to at least break the $40,000 minimum contributions to get the $6,000 grant return. Remember that The Children’s Fund is used for District and Club grants, Scholarships, Catastrophes and SLP’s. The total contributions includes club and individual gifts.

We encourage our clubs to try to give $6 to $7 per member or whatever you can afford. The quickest way to increase your club total is for individual Kiwanians to make a gift and/or make the Children’s Fund one of their favorite annual charities.

More Great News! Our guidelines for club grants have changed and it is much easier to request. Please go to the Kiwanis International web and click on “The Children’s Fund” and then click on “Impact and Programs”. You will find all the information you need to complete an application for a grant. If you have trouble, call and they will be happy to help you.

Thank you,

Doug Day, District Chair
The Children’s Fund
Carolinas District of Kiwanis

GET SOCIAL

Kiwanis has prepared social media content that clubs, districts and members can use on their social media accounts. If your club is not using Facebook or Twitter to share your projects, fundraisers and meetings, you are missing opportunities to share your story. And don’t think that it’s just for the kids—studies show that 56 percent of Facebook users are 65 and older. Make sure your social media pages are current and find some prepared content here. Remember to use the hashtag #KidsNeedKiwanis.
Applications were received and are being reviewed for the Pam and Russ Wagner Memorial Scholarship ($5000.00)
Webster James, Lynn Deese and Boyd Dimmock serve on the scholarship committee
The new CDKF investment committee consists of Gary Cooper, Stan Perry and Boyd Dimmock
CDKF leadership has been participating in the development of the District Strategic Plan
1Q committee meeting was held via conference call in December
One grant request was reviewed and failed to advance due to it being a previously funded effort
One SLP charter expense request was received and approved
The annual club gift letter was mailed
2016-17 rocker panel banner patches were also mailed to qualifying clubs

The annual club gift campaign is the primary source of foundation funding. During the 2016-17 campaign, 70 of our 179 clubs (10/1/16 number) participated. The average per member giving, total gifts divided by total membership, was $2.71. The campaign suggests a minimum gift of $5.00 per member and as in any campaign; the target is 100% participation. You can view the letter by clicking here. Thank you to the 10 clubs that have participated prior to the mailing. Starting with our next article you will be able to view all the clubs that have donated.

The CDKF Executive Committee meets on Friday of Midyear. All grant request should be received electronically thirty days prior. You can use this link to access the grant application. When submitting a grant request be complete, but concise. Know that the committee pays special attention to past club participation, number of children served or impacted, number of Kiwanians involved, the amount of dollars requested compared to the amount being invested by the requesting club, and project merit. The Foundation does not fund repeat requests for the same project and does not participate directly in fund raising goals. For example, the club is raising $35,000.00 to buy a van and $2,000.00 from the Foundation would put them half way to their goal.

The Sponsored Leadership Program charter expense reimbursement request does not have a deadline. You can access that link by clicking here. Should you have a question for any of the committee members or officers, you can find their contact information on the Carolinas Kiwanis District website under Leadership.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Charlotte this February. Please drop by the CDKF table to say hello. It would be great to have most of club gifts received by that date, and you can even bring them to convention with you. Thank you for your support and here’s to a great 2018!

Stan Perry, Secretary/Treasurer
Carolinas District Kiwanis Foundation
Welcome New Kiwanians!

Congratulations to the following, who joined a club in October and November of 2017:

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Volunteers from both Kiwanis clubs, along with some of their family and several students from J.H. Rose High School, helped children crack into difficult-to-open packages and put batteries into remote-controlled cars and Nerf guns.

Salter said the Santa Project has developed into a family affair with the younger generation getting involved.

"I love my Kiwanis sisters," she said. "Even today, my parents are here, my husband is here, my brother, his wife, my nieces.

"My heart is I want that generation coming up to know about giving back because so many of them don't. So many of them are privileged with their fancy stuff. Even in my little spiel that I'm telling them, 'This is people's Christmas; there's no tree at their home. Sunday and Monday is just Sunday and Monday where they're going to be all decked out.'"

Jones said partnerships like the Santa Project help advance the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs.

"Anything that's successful, it takes a lot people and organizations and partners," said Jones, who was a member of a Boys & Girls Club as a youth in Raleigh. "Nobody can do it alone. The Boys & Girls Club, we have kids, but to know that University City Kiwanis and Greater Greenville Kiwanis take it upon themselves to support what we do each and every day through this Santa Project is tremendous. We know that our clubs are gifts from the community, and we don't take that for granted, and we know we can't do the work that we do without the partners that we have."

Carolina Kiwanian 13
Golden K Greenville, NC supports Operation Sunshine

On October 31, 2017, the Kiwanis Club of Golden K (Greenville NC) presented a check for $2,255.00 to the Operation Sunshine Community Outreach Food Distribution Program by Bob Hursey Foundation President and Neil Dorsey Club President.

Operation Sunshine ("OS"), a fully licensed charity and has been in operation for many years. Its formative mission is to provide after-school day care, instructional assistance, and support to female children in its immediate neighborhood whose parents were unable to provide sufficient after-school supervision. In addition to providing scholastic assistance, enrolled students are provided lessons in responsibility by being assigned age-appropriate “chores” for which they are accountable, etiquette, proper and respectful conversation and response, and appropriate social behavior.

Rather quickly, it became obvious that summer periods presented a formidable problem for our community’s children: School was out – and, with it, out went the supervision, schooling, and feeding that public schools provide during the regular school year.

Operation Sunshine stepped up to meet these needs as best it could by becoming a full day day-care operation during summers, providing supervision, educational programs, and nutrition (through the free summer lunches provided by the USDA at the Sadie Sautter School, one of the USDA’s feeding sites).

It is hardly surprising that the vast majority of students enrolled in Operation Sunshine’s programs reside in food-insecure households. Operation Sunshine workers heard stories of hunger all too frequently, so Operation Sunshine responded by becoming a Food Bank Partner and by initiating a food program that was originally designed to provide the families of Operation Sunshine students supplemental food and which is today referred to as Operation Sunshine’s Community Outreach Food Distribution Program. The increased level of support provided by the members of Golden K Kiwanis Club of Greenville and the Golden K Kiwanis Foundation has allowed a significant expansion of Operation Sunshine’s food distribution program.

Charlotte Kiwanis Christmas Project

Every year, the Kiwanis Club of Charlotte collects and deliver Christmas gifts for local Salvation Army’s Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) residents and their families. Additionally, the Kiwanis Club of Charlotte Foundation donates to the Salvation Army monies raised by contributions to the Foundation by Club members. This year the Foundation presented a check in the amount of $3,000.00. At a luncheon for the club, the Salvation Army recognizes the Charlotte Club for its contributions and provides an opportunity for the club’s membership to meet ARC residents and hear testimonials of their life challenges and about ARC’s impact to their physical and spiritual lives.

The Salvation Army’s Adult Rehabilitation Centers is a beacon for men and women who have lost everything to alcohol, drugs, homelessness and other life issues. ARC help the challenged find hope and healing from disparity, anguish and hopelessness. Each center offers residential housing, work, and group and individual therapy, all in a clean, wholesome environment. The physical and spiritual care that program participants receive prepares them to re-enter society and return to gainful employment.