The Kiwanis International Foundation

Board of Trustees created the **George F. Hixson Fellowship** in 1983 to honor the first Kiwanis International President. Individuals establish membership through a $1000.00 contribution. Funds received for a Hixson Fellowship can be designated for one of two programs: the Kiwanis International Foundation Endowment or the Kiwanis International Worldwide Service Project. During the past decade, the Kiwanis family collected more than 75 million dollars which allowed nations to implement salt iodization programs.

In 1940, one year after Kiwanians established the Kiwanis International Foundation as a legal entity, Walter Zeller made the first donation: 25 silver dollars that he hoped would turn into the foundation’s nest egg.

This donor’s dream came true: Auctioned for US$625, those coins launched the Kiwanis International Foundation’s worldwide service efforts.

Thousands of donors later, the foundation has grown into a multimillion-dollar organization that awards grants to Kiwanis clubs and underwrites life-altering worldwide service projects.

Today, as powerful forces are reshaping the landscape of children’s issues, we are turning confidently to generous Kiwanians around the world to find the resources required to meet these historic challenges.