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Envision.

It's one of our favorite word at the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Like you, we envision a world where no child suffers from hunger, abuse, neglect, need or inadequate medical care.

Like you, we want to help the children in our towns and villages. At the same time, we know it's up to us to address the overarching threats to the futures of children everywhere.

Since 1939, Kiwanians have turned to the Kiwanis International Foundation as a way to extend their reach and their legacies. Your gift-whether it's an annual gift, a one-time donation, a planned gift or something in between-is a natural expression of your Kiwanis service and your dedication to the Kiwanis mission.

Like you, we take our responsibilities very seriously: To unite the Kiwanis family so that together, we can be a safety net for all children, everywhere.

There's nothing we can't do together. We are Kiwanians.



Our history

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.



Our mission and core values

Mission

The mission of the Kiwanis International Foundation is to financially assist Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world.

Core values

Stewardship

We are committed to living up to donors' confidence in the foundation to invest their contributions wisely and distribute them in keeping with the values inherent in the Kiwanis International mission.

Transparency

We adhere to the Donors' Bill of Rights, to treat all constituents fairly and ethically, and to be above board in all of our dealings. We share records and reports documenting gifts, grants and who we serve.

Responsiveness

We are relevant and proactive in meeting donors' and grantees' needs.

Legacy

We give donors the chance to leave a lasting mark on the world.

Integrity

We deal honestly in our interactions with all stakeholders.

Trust

Through the integrity of our actions, we seek to earn and maintain the trust of our Kiwanis family and constituents.



What we do

At the Kiwanis International Foundation, our raison d'être is helping children. Children at risk. Underserved children. The children who need help most.

Working together with Kiwanis International, we serve the children of the world, supporting the Kiwanis International mission. The lion's share of our work happens at the club level, as Kiwanis members raise funds to underwrite foundation grants and improve their communities and the world.

We give youth scholarships. We support Kiwanis International's Service Leadership Programs for youth. Our new global campaign for children, announced in June 2010, will take this spirit of giving to a new, more consequential level.



Club grants



Your gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation may end up back in your own club or in a club halfway around the globe. Thanks to donor support, Kiwanis International Foundation grants have empowered:

Belgium-Luxembourg clubs to educate 150 orphans in Kinshasa, Congo, Africa.

A club in Ohio, USA, to teach local parents how to reinforce their children's positive behavior and foster positive development.

A club in Texas, USA, to de-worm 75 percent of the 4.5 million children ages 2 to 5 in Guatemala.

A British Columbia, Canada, club to prepare 10 food hampers for local women who fled abusive living environments.

Learn how you can support our efforts to serve children in need around the world as a Sustaining Donor or through your Kiwanis club.

Grant application process

The Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees reviews club grant applications twice a year. As local clubs are so effective, we give priority to programs serving children nationally or internationally and are consistent with Kiwanis International objectives.

The foundation accepts grant applications only from Kiwanis clubs and Kiwanis district foundations.

The Eliminate Project

Changing the world by saving and protecting mothers and newborns



Every nine minutes, an infant dies from neonatal tetanus. That short lifetime is marked by pain, robbing a mother of the chance to provide even the comfort of her touch. Most of these tragedies occur in countries that haven't yet eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).

With [The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus](#), Kiwanis International has joined forces with UNICEF to change the world for millions of mothers and babies.

[Watch or download videos about The Eliminate Project](#)

Show your support

The Eliminate Project's fundraising campaign will raise US\$110 million by 2015—eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth and protecting some of the world's most vulnerable people. Contributions flow through Kiwanis International Foundation but need to be designated to The Eliminate Project.

Easy ways to give to The Eliminate Project

- [Make a gift to The Eliminate Project using our online form](#)—it's easy and secure.
- [Print a gift or pledge form to give to The Eliminate Project by mail or fax.](#)
- Join the Walter Zeller Fellowship with an [online gift or pledge](#) today—your US\$1,250 donation will save 694 mothers and their babies from MNT. Or print a [gift remittance form](#) to mail or fax your Walter Zeller Fellowship donation.

On average, US\$1.80 can protect a woman and her future children from MNT. Based on this average, the Kiwanis family's generosity will save and protect millions of mothers and babies.

It's a monumental effort—to protect one of the most intimate bonds on Earth. With your help, we can save and protect lives ... we can keep a family whole.

Walter Zeller Fellowship

Donors who give US\$1,250 to The Eliminate Project—paid one time or over two years—may become Walter Zeller Fellows (named in honor of the first donor to Kiwanis International Foundation). [Learn more about the Walter Zeller Fellowship](#), including special recognition opportunities.

[Give or pledge online](#) to become a Walter Zeller Fellow using our secure form. Or [download the Walter Zeller Fellowship pledge form](#) to make a gift by mail or fax.

