

RESOURCE PAMPHLET OUTLINE

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ACTIVITY NAME

Kid's Care Fair

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Poster board
- Markers
- Banner Materials

TIME ESTIMATE

- Project Planning –2 Months
- Event– 2 hours

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

This large scale Leading with laughter event will reach out to children and community organization seeking to build a new generation of young leaders. Members of the K Family (Kiwans, CKI Key Club) will work hand in hand to plan a Kid's Fair at a local elementary school. Planning stages include: creating a project proposal to present to the chosen school's administrators, the coordinating of several groups to have booths at the event (animal shelters, community garden, food bank/pantry, veteran's group, senior facilities, etc.) to promote ways kid can help, and arranging for media coverage during the event. This activity will develop strong bonds between the participant and highlights the need for a new generation of young leaders in our communities. The kids will benefit from learning about ways to help others and have fun doing it!

LEADING

with

LAUGHTER

March 2018
PROJECT RESOURCE

Project Timeline & Assignments

- Create a proposal describing a “Kid’s Care Fair” to be facilitated at the chosen local elementary school. Design a vision of the event and explain the purpose and importance of introducing community groups and organizations to the students. In advance, contact local groups that would be willing to participate in the Care Fair and include them in the school proposal. Consider the local animal shelter, community garden group, food bank/pantry, veterans group, senior home, etc. Think of activities that kids would enjoy and learn from.
- It is crucial that enough time is allowed for the planning of the event. School schedules are made far in advance, so the earlier you can begin the process, the better.
- Upon school approval, set an event date and work closely with administration and teachers to plan the layout of the event in the school. Help create banners, posters, and organize refreshments for the event. Be available to lend a hand. Communicate with each invited service group that their booth should be child interactive and fun. The goal is to interest kids in becoming volunteers and provide the education and encouragement they need to make a difference. Example: Kids can make cards for elderly patients; write a thank you letter to a Veteran or service personnel located overseas; learn about gardening and hunger issues from the community garden group or food pantry; or color pictures of animals and learn about pet adoption.
- Assure that the school will be communicating to the students and their families of the day and time of the event. It may be during the school day or in the evening after dismissal. This event will be better attended if done during the school day schedule and enhanced if parents are also invited to visit.
- Arrange media coverage for the event so the community can see what young people are doing. Inspiring actions inspire others! This is also a great way to promote Kiwanis and the K family.

Project Wrap up & Positive Outcomes

Review these questions with the whole group. Give everyone a chance to share their thoughts with the rest of the group and be heard. Feel free to add any other questions you want to ask as well! The primary point of these questions is to highlight how different qualities can be associated with a leader, and how there are different ways to get there.

- Recap event coordination and note what worked well and what may need improvement.
- Send out “thank you” cards to any participating groups or sponsors that donated items or their time/expertise for the event.
- Follow up with participating groups and organizations for any future volunteer activities that involve the kids that attended the Care Fair.
- Use your newly created relationships with the local groups and organizations for future service collaborations.
- Consider building/sponsoring a K-Kids leadership program at the elementary school.
- Plan a Care Fair at another local elementary school!