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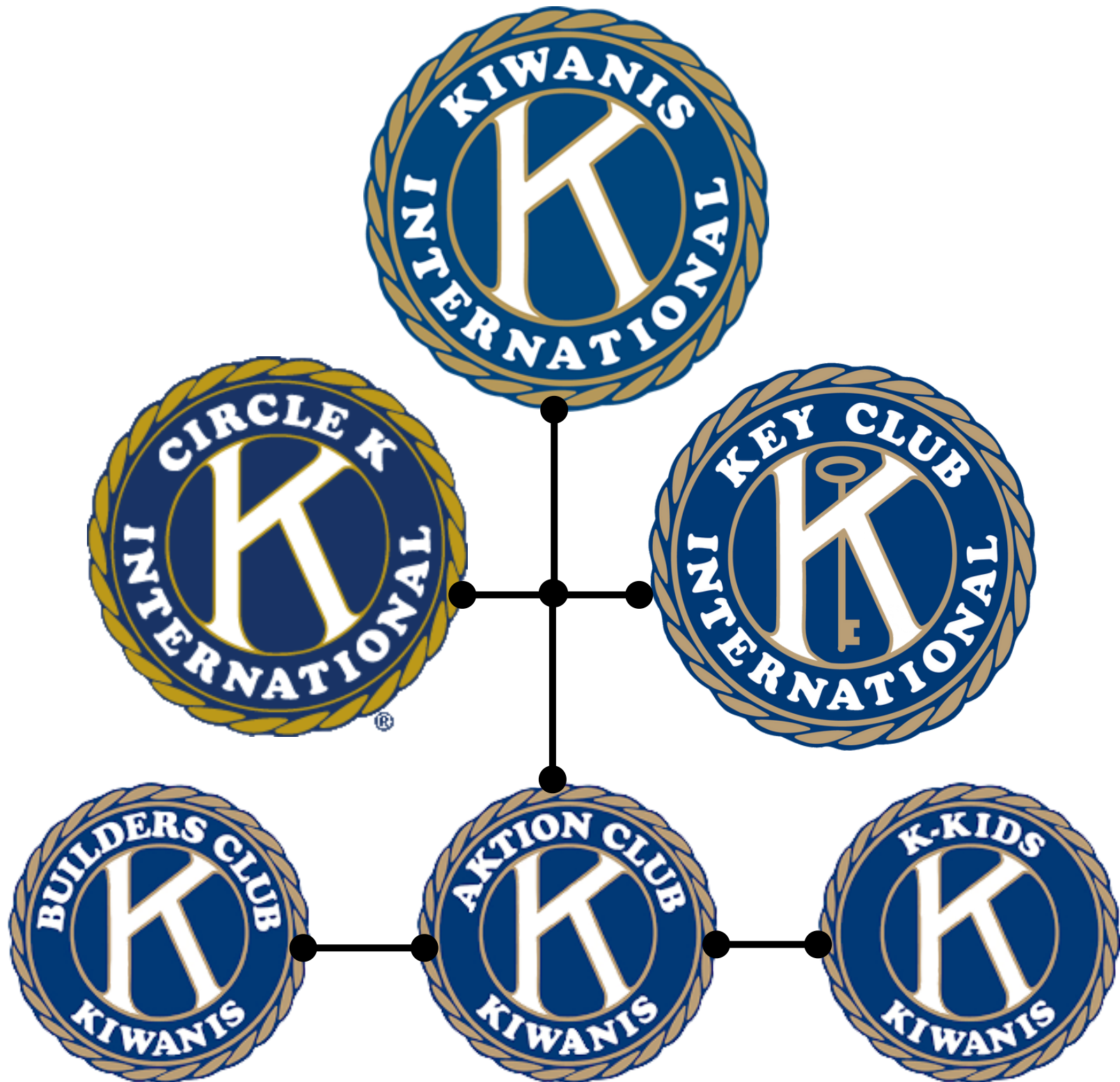
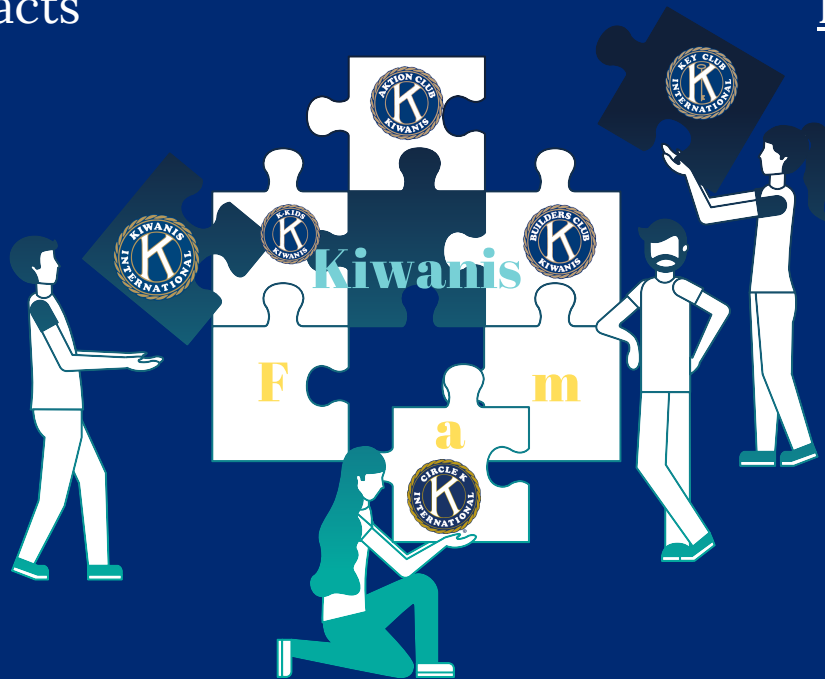


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Welcome!

Hey K-Fam!

Welcome to the Kiwanis Family Relations Resource Booklet! The Kiwanis Family Relations Committee has put this Booklet together with the goal of helping Key Clubbers understand the K-Family and what it does. This Booklet also includes ways to connect and get involved with the different branches of our family!

Kiwanis International is an organization dedicated to serving others. Kiwanians alone dedicate more than 18.5 million hours to their communities each year! We appreciate everything Kiwanians do to support our service endeavors. The K-Family Relations Committee works diligently to create strong relationships between the various branches that make up the K-Family.

We hope this Booklet helps you through your journey of learning and engaging with the different branches of the K-Family. Let's connect the K's together!

If you have questions regarding this Booklet or the K-Family, please contact your Lieutenant Governor or The K-Family Relations, Chairperson.

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What is The K-Family

The Kiwanis Family is made up of six service-oriented organizations led by dedicated volunteer leaders with one goal: to improve the world one child and community at a time. There are over 500,000 Kiwanis Family members, ranging from ages as young as 5 to as old as 100. Additionally, there are 2 programs associated with elementary school education (Terrific Kids & BUG). The Kiwanis Family is International, meaning you'll never be away from the K-Family no matter where you go!

Branches Of the K-Family

Aktion Club

Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities worldwide, with over 12,000 members. It is a club with members from different organizations and groups: churches, libraries, YMCAs, and/or lodges. Their main goal is to provide service opportunities for like-minded individuals who want to give back to their community.



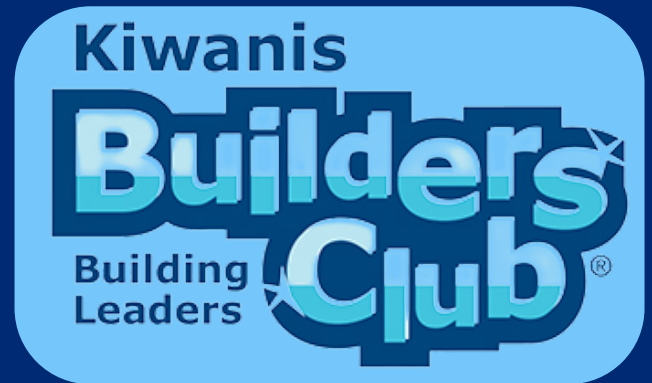
K-Kids

In K-Kids clubs worldwide, children are learning leadership skills through service. They're taking on the responsibility of facilitating community service projects while only being in elementary school. They assist the elderly with chores or organize community food drives (Much like the other branches). They serve their schools, raising funds for sports equipment and extracurricular activities. With their goal being to provide kids with opportunities to become more active within their community.



Builders Club

Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high students, with more than 45,000 members worldwide. Members learn to work together and develop servant-leaders skills as they serve their school and community. Today, there are more than 1,600 clubs in Aruba, Australia, the Bahamas, the United States, etc. Builders Club is a student-led community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. As a club they provide students with an early opportunity to provide aid to their home, school, and community.



Kiwanis

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. They are an essential resource for Key Club International and provide resources to hold events and provide scholarships to the Key Clubbers that go above and beyond.

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Key Club

Key Club is a student led high school organization. Providing students with a more hands on opportunity to run serve projects, fundraising events, and more. In doing so, students grow as individuals and as leaders by answering the call to lead, summoning the courage to engage and developing the heart to serve.

New Jersey District of Circle K International

Service · Leadership · Fellowship



Since 1964

Circle K International is the collegiate branch of the Kiwanis Family empowering its members to continue acts of service after their achievements in High School. Much like Key Club International, Circle K International is led by driven samaritans with the goal of bettering their homes, schools, and communities.

Why Should you Join CKI

CHANGE

Make an impact on the lives of others when you dedicate your time to volunteer

SERVE

Experience a wide range of different service events around the district

BUILD

A network of associates from the Kiwanis branch, who can assist with professional development

LEAD

CKI offers numerous ways to become more involved in our organization

KEY TO COLLEGE

Key to College Webinars are hosted by the collegiate branch of the K-Fam **Circle K International** to educate High Schoolers, especially Key Clubbers, on the lifestyle and aspects of college.

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Circle K

Successful Service Project

One service project that our club has taken pride in holding annually for the past ten years is Stockton University's Relay for Life. This past April, we put on an incredible 10th birthday themed Relay for members of the Stockton community to come together to support and raise money for the American Cancer Society. Planning for this event began many months prior, at the beginning of the fall semester. We formed the Relay for Life Committee, headed by Brook Wachenheim, to begin to plan the event and work toward our fundraising goals. Each week, the committee met to develop a theme for the event and to create plans for activities and decorations. Members also worked tirelessly to reach out to the community to get sponsorships and to generate community interest in the event. We had several canning events in the area to collect donations and promoted the event by tabling and holding fundraisers such as a Thanksgiving flower sale on campus as well. As the event grew closer, we spent countless hours preparing the decorations and finalizing the schedule of events for the night. We made our final push for donations and encouraged as many members as possible to get involved in attending and volunteering at the event. On the day of, we decked our university's gymnasium with birthday gifts, balloons, and American Cancer Society decor. We set up the Survivor's Lounge and prepared for our activities, such as cornhole, limbo, Just Dance, and a relay race. Our whole club really came together, with 30 of our members in attendance at the event, for a total of 200 hours served. We were able to provide a memorable event for over 100 participants and raised over \$15,000 to support the efforts of the American Cancer Society. It was truly incredible to see such an amazing effort from so many of our Circle K members result in such a successful and memorable event for our campus in support of a cause that has touched the lives of so many.

-Laurel Flockhart, Stockton Circle K President



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Leadership & Service Programs

Terrific Kids

Is a character-building program for young students:

- A student-recognition program for attendance, character, behavior and relationships.
- Students develop self-esteem, learn perseverance and gain important life skills that help them make smarter choices.
- When they reach their goals, the entire class celebrates. Which is really cool!



Bringing Up Grades

Empowers young students to reach academic success:

- Recognizes students who raise their grades or maintain good grades from one grading period to the next.
- Students set their own goals and participate in peer mentoring, which involves everyone in their success.
- When they reach their goals, the entire class celebrates.



Key Leader

Key Leader by Kiwanis is a weekend leadership program for high school and graduating 8th Grade students. Our mission is to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. The benefits offered through Key Leader are unique in that they focus on service leadership, social-emotional skills, and can be cultivated through student participation in Kiwanis service organizations such as Key Club.



Never doubt the power of a small group of people to change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

– Margaret Mead

Working with the K-Family

The best way to get to know our amazing family is by collaborating with them here are a few reasons why you should collaborate with our K-Fam!

Why work with the different branches of the K-Fam:

Kiwanis club members and officers have great knowledge of how to run or start meetings. As local business owners and professionals, they also have the ability to extend financial and marketing support. Which can come in handy not only this but creates team working skills. Different branches of the K-Family will show up and assist with events if invited ex. Meetings, Service Projects, Socials Etc.

You should work with K-Kids And Builders Clubs to inspire. Through service projects and random conversations about life, you have the potential to inspire and motivate young children to do better in school and to play an active role in helping out in their local community and the world. And helping us achieve our primary goal to serve our schools, homes, and communities. Educating them about the Kiwanis Family can show them our organization's uniqueness. This may also help recruit more members into Builders Club, Key Club, or CKI once they graduate.



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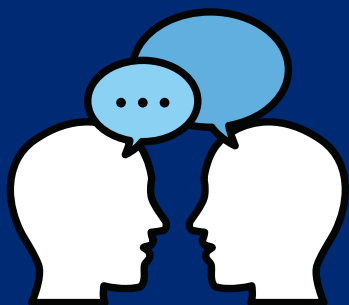


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How to connect with the K-Family

When building a relationship of any kind communication is key it allows you to share opinions, expectations etc its no different to when your trying to build connections with the different branches of the K-Family.



Monthly Email

Get into the habit of Sending your Kiwanis Club a monthly email it should include what your club has been doing, future projects and Goals for the next month.



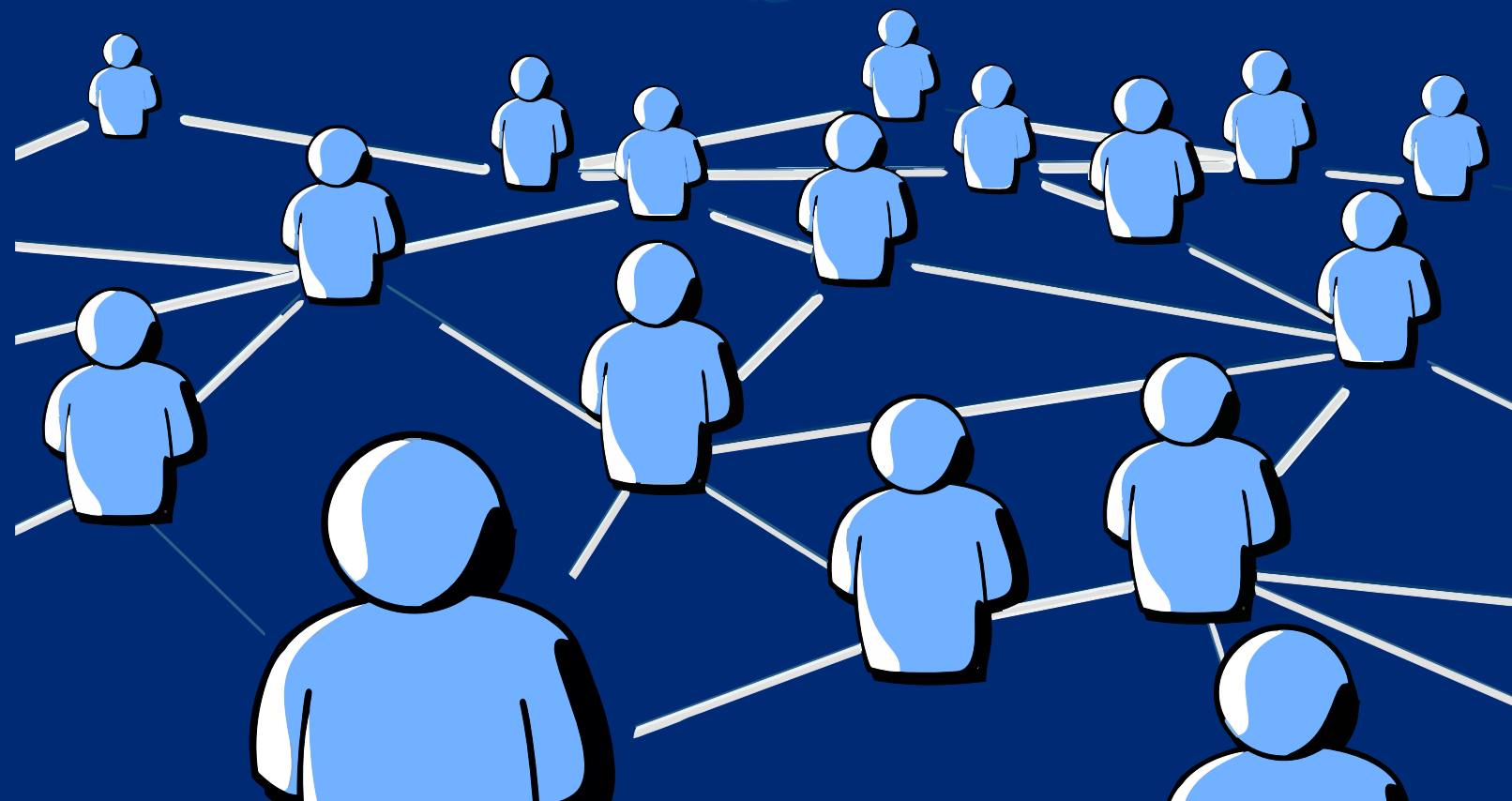
Attend Meetings

- Be on time
- Dress Accordingly
- Contribute to the meeting (Share your Ideas It might be scary but they want to know what you think).



Newsletter

Club Editors; sending your newsletter is a great way to keep Kiwanis in the loop of what your club has been up to.



Service project ideas

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Kiwanis

Participating in environmental projects with your Kiwanians is a great way to spend time together. Whether you're doing a beach cleanup or park cleanup, invite them to attend. Attending walks such as March of Dimes and Relay for Life with Kiwanis members is a great way to spend time with them while raising money for great organizations. Collaborating on food drives, School Supply drives (Supports our district project) for less fortunate families with your Kiwanians during the holiday season is a great way to combine forces. Kiwanians have connections and usually know where to send food donations and can help transport materials. Raising money with your local Kiwanis Club can be fun, for example, doing joint socials such as bowling nights and ice cream socials.

Key Club

Attending service projects with Key Club is a great way to reach out to them. You simply need to contact your local Key Club to find out what projects they have coming up. Occasionally Key Clubs lack necessary resources (manpower, materials, or need to be driven to events) to plan service projects. This is where Circle K clubs can step in and provide support. Our examples of such service projects are helping out at the food bank, going to the soup kitchen, and/or helping out the homeless population. Interacting with younger kids or senior citizens is one of the most engaging service projects in which high school students can partake in. Tutoring kindergartens, elementary school students or visiting senior apartments can be very rewarding for the kids, elders, and high school students. You can be a chaperone, especially since a lot of soup kitchens require 18+ or chaperones!

Builders Club

Book drives and toy drives are some of the possible service projects to work with middle school students. Book drives is one of the best ways to promote illiteracy awareness while toy drive teaches middle school students the value of donation. Educate on the transition to high school, Key Club and real life. Arts and crafts allow middle school students to explore their creativity. By writing thank you cards for children's hospitals or soldiers, students develop a sense of appreciation and teach them the important of caring.

K-Kids

Invite your K- Kids to some events so you can get to know them as you volunteer with crafts and book readings. Hold education workshops, such as respect for all, science projects, and different service projects/ charities (like Lyme Disease or Safety Tips). Christmas Caroling or Trick-or-Treating for The Eliminate Project are also great service projects to do together! You can setup a beach, park day to have a BBQ, or a picnic to hang out with the K-Kids along with their parents. This is also a great way to get parents involved and to see how great the relationship between K-Kids and Circle K clubs can be.

Aktion Club

Get involved with your local Aktion Club by holding events together such as community clean ups, since the Aktion Club focuses on hands-on service. Raising money with your local Aktion Club can be fun if you hold events such as car washes or art shows. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your Aktion Club and get to know them better!

Major Emphasis

Children: Their Future, Our Focus

Our Major Emphasis is based on the idea of helping all children from around the globe. Our slogan "Children: Their Future, Our Focus" was originally established at the first Key Club Internacional Convention in 1946.

Our Major Emphasis can be seen throughout everything we do, from service projects to our preferred charities and service partners, because at the end of the day, every key clubber has one goal in mind to serve their Home, School, and Community

Our District project is usually aligned with our major emphasis, which is serving the children of the world; this year's District project is "Education is the KEY," which focuses on combating socioeconomic disparities and lowering the learning gap in the state of New Jersey.



Service Partners & Preferred Charities

Schoolhouse

Want to make an impact and have fun while doing it? Looking for a service project that you can complete from the comfort of your bedroom? Key Club has partnered with Schoolhouse to bring free tutoring to thousands of learners across the world. If you're interested in learning something new, or you're interested in becoming a tutor yourself, sign up today!

Erika's Lighthouse

The mission of Erika's Lighthouse is to make sure no young person feels alone in their depression. This nonprofit organization encourages good mental health and strives to break down the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Erika's Lighthouse is dedicated to creating a community of empathy and education and has resources and programs for students and educators, grades 4-12.



March of Dimes

Since the 1940s, Key Clubs have worked with March of Dimes to make a positive impact in the lives of babies everywhere. Today, Kiwanis members continue that culture of service by supporting the March of Dimes all year long by hosting service projects, raising funds and educating communities about the crisis of preterm birth.

Thirst Project

Thirst Project hopes to educate the next generation by arming students with information about how they can be a part of social change, make a difference and encourage others to join in the effort.



Erika's Lighthouse



Children's Miracle Network

Members work together by sponsoring fundraising events and conducting service projects at their local children's hospitals. Contact your local CMN hospital and invite a representative to a club meeting to share ideas and create a partnership.



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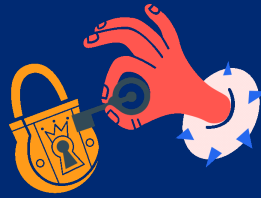
UNICEF is the only organization of the United Nations dedicated exclusively to children. Working with other United Nations bodies, governments and non-governmental organizations, UNICEF helps to provide for children's needs in more than 150 developing countries through community-based services in primary health care, basic education and safe water and sanitation.



HOW TO CHARTER A NEW BRANCH OF THE KIWANIS FAMILY

Our Kiwanis Family is aimed at helping out our communities throughout the world through volunteering and community service projects. There are many branches of the Kiwanis Family, such as K- Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktions Club, and Kiwanis International. If interested, it is possible to charter your own Kiwanis Family branch. There are many ways to become involved in chartering a new Kiwanis Family branch. Please check out the steps below to learn more information.

Here are the **STEPS!**



Step 1 - Determine if a sponsor is available. Decide which community organization you want to enlist to be your sponsor. If you don't know where to start, we can help connect you with local organizations that are familiar with these programs. If not, reach out to Key Club International, and we'll help you find a sponsor.

Step 2 - Find an advisor. Identify one or more faculty/staff members who could be the club advisor. You might consider someone who has a particular interest in service or leadership development, or perhaps someone who was a program participant when they were a student.

Step 3 - Recruit your members. Anyone who is a member at the start of the club is a charter member, and the initial set of officers are charter officers. Find those students at your school who share your passion for helping others and ask them to embark on this creative process with you. To be chartered and become an official Kiwanis club, a club must have 15 members.

Step 4 - Set aside funds. This is an essential part of the process. That is because there is a chartering fee, and members are expected to pay dues. Make sure you're up-front with potential members about this fact. Although a sponsoring community organization or Kiwanis club might be willing to cover some of these costs, do not rely on another club to do this.

Step 5 - Complete the chartering form or reactivation process. After the steps above are completed, you can submit your chartering document to Key Club International.

Step 6 - Hold a chartering ceremony and celebrate! This is the best part of the whole experience! When you receive your chartering kit, plan a ceremony to install the new club and officers. Invite potential new members, family members, school officials, and members from your sponsoring agency or Kiwanis club to join the celebration!



2022 K-Fam Picnic Photo Dump

The K-Family Picnic is organized each year by the NJCKI District Board in hopes of brining together the NJ K-Fam!



Frequently Asked Questions

How can I find the contact information for the Kiwanis family branches in my area?

Contact your LTG or The Kiwanis Family Relations Committee Chairperson at Jsuaresgonzalez@njkeyclub.org

Click [HERE](#) to find your LTG

Who are the '22-23 Governors of each branch of the Kiwanis Family?

New Jersey Kiwanis Governor: Kirk Popiolek

New Jersey Key Club District Governor: Eric Wong

New Jersey Circle K Governor: Katie Lynch

How can I find out more information about the different branches of the Kiwanis Family?

Visit Kiwanis International's Website to learn more about Kiwanis International by clicking [HERE](#).

Visit the K-Kids' Website to learn more about K-Kids by clicking [HERE](#).

Visit the Builder's Club Website to learn more about Builders Club by clicking [HERE](#).

Visit Key Club's Website to learn more about Key Club by clicking [HERE](#).

Visit Circle K Int's Website to learn more about Circle K by clicking [HERE](#).

Visit Aktion Club's Website to learn more about Aktion Club by clicking [HERE](#).

What should I do if I do not know if I have a Kiwanis Family Branch in my area/school district?

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**Stay determined, because relationships take
time to build!**

