To assist K-Kids get the most from the hands-on activities included in the Resource and Activity Book: review the October 2012 K-Kids Advisory Newsletter. In this issue you’ll find suggestions to introduce activities and links to videos explaining how to make some of the hands-on crafts in the booklet.

Other great online resources: Member activities
Social and Emotional Learning

Check out Kiwanis on parade

On New Year’s Day, millions of people around the world will view the work of thousands of Kiwanis-family members live on television as the 124th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade rolls along the streets of Pasadena, California. An estimated 7,000 Kiwanis-family members of all ages will work in eight- to 16-hour shifts—totaling more than 56,000 volunteer hours—to complete 9 floats for the parade, including Kiwanis' entry, "A Child's Magic Carpet Ride."

Best practices for working with youth

Volunteering as a K-Kids advisor means you’ll be around lots of enthusiastic students. Every year, it’s a good idea to review Kiwanis policy about how to support and work with young people. Please take a few moments to read this policy and share it with other club members who will be helping with K-Kids activities. Check out these helpful resources:

Guidelines for Adults Working With Youth (Kiwanis resource)
Adult Volunteers in Schools (GenerationOn resource)
There’s a banner patch for that

Did you know that your club can earn banner patches? They’re great for showing what your club has accomplished. There’s a banner patch for completing club tasks, supporting The Eliminate Project, competing in K-Kids contests and much, much more. Visit the website to learn more.

If you’re interested in displaying those newly earned banner patches consider purchasing a K-Kids Honor Banner. This banner will hold several years worth of brightly colored banner patches.

US $1 million and counting

As of the end of November, members of CKI, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club have donated more than US$1 million to The Eliminate Project. That translates to more than 555,555 lives saved or protected! But there’s much more work to be done: Keep up the effort to educate people about MNT and to raise funds.

Reaching our goal of eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth will take the efforts of every Kiwanis-family member—every CKI, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club member—so that means you!

If you raised a minimum of US$5.40 a year—the equivalent of saving three lives (US$1.80 x 3 = US$5.40)—our Kiwanis-family fundraising goals would be met during our campaign’s remaining three years.

The SLP per-member average per year for the next three years is a minimum of US $5.40, which is the equivalent of saving or protecting more than three lives (US$1.80 x 3 = US$5.40). We need every member to raise at least $5.40. Women and their future babies are counting on you!

Holiday craft ideas

With the holidays approaching, it’s a great time to engage K-Kids club members in some fun holiday crafting projects. Here are a few awesome projects that use recycled materials, so the cost to create these items is minimal.

Cardboard village
Winter village templates
Martha Stewart holiday crafts
Holiday wreath using newspaper
Disney crafts for kids
New Years Craft ideas
Cool projects for cold weather

Whether you love or hate the cold weather season, it’s an excellent time to do good things. Here are some ideas:

- Conduct a [Safety and Preparedness](#) campaign educating others about being prepared for extreme weather conditions. Utilize the great resources from the [Weather Channel](#).

- Check out this [Emergency Preparedness Project Kit](#) for High School Students from the American Public Health Association. This is a great project K-Kids can do.

- Create a campaign to educate students about staying healthy and avoiding the Flu. Use resources from the [American Public Health Association](#) created especially for kids.

- Organize a coat collection drive. [One Warm Coat](#) provides great online resources to do this.

- Organize a shoe collection drive. [Shoes for Orphan Souls](#) has great online resources to help with planning.

Don’t forget club contests

Which club [contests](#) will your club members enter? Entry options include: Speech, Essay, Art, Club Single Service Project and Scrapbook. Club advisors can also nominate Leadership Award recipients. Entries are due to district administrators April 1. E-mail lpyron@kiwanis.org for your district administrator’s mailing address. Remember to include your school location in the e-mail.

View [last year’s winning contest entries](#) to get ideas.

Keep parents updated with Facebook

Keep parents informed about what your K-Kids club is doing - create a K-Kids Facebook page. Invite parents and Kiwanis volunteers to join. Post scheduled activities, photos, and permission forms for parents’ easy access. Modify Facebook page security settings so that people who have been invited can view and post on your club’s Facebook page. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to start your page.

Great gift ideas

Take time to visit the Kiwanis Family Store website. Make your Kiwanis family part of your holiday gift-giving.

K-Kids merchandise

Kiwanis merchandise
Triple your service impact and teach valuable lessons

Triple the impact of every project by addressing community needs in three ways: serving, donating and advocating. Help members see that worthy causes need more than just hands-on service. After all, people and organizations also need funds and advocates who build awareness. Help club members dive deeper into causes and community needs:

Serve
Roll up your sleeves and provide direct service within the community.
Link: Serving others

Donate
Raise money for an organization or cause.
Link: Philanthropy – educating kids

Advocate
Make others aware of an issue and encourage them to take action.
Link: An introduction to advocacy

Visit the K-Kids Service Initiative webpage to learn more.

Does your club have a parent advisor?

If your club doesn’t have a parent advisor, think about recruiting one. An extra volunteer is a welcome addition, especially if you have a K-Kids club with 25 members or more. How can a parent advisor help you ask?

A parent advisor can:

- Obtain donations to provide needed materials for club service projects.
- Offer assistance to club members when working on projects.
- Assist the faculty advisor in finalizing arrangements for special club meetings and events.
- Serve as a chaperone during special activities.
- Communicate club activities to parents and parent groups.
I’m a TERRIFIC K-Kid Journal

This is a fun journaling activity that club members can try! K-Kids members are encouraged to be Terrific K-Kids! TERRIFIC is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

Club members will need a journal or composition book. Ask club members to decorate the front of the book with the word TERRIFIC! Journaling is a great way to track how displaying a TERRIFIC Kid character trait makes a difference in the lives of others.

At the next club meeting explain the TERRIFIC character traits and challenge club members to practice the traits outside K-Kids club meetings. At the end of the club meeting give each K-Kid member an assignment. Encourage K-Kids to do three thoughtful things for others and practice showing enthusiasm during the holiday break. Ask club members to write down the nice things they did and how it impacted others. Also ask them to note the difference they noticed in others when acting enthusiastically about an activity or event.

At the first club meeting following holiday break take a few minutes to share what club members learned after practicing the first two TERRIFIC Kids character traits, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm.

Assign a new character trait at each new K-Kids club meeting. After all the character traits have been practiced and discussed, present each club member with a TERRIFIC Kids certificate or sticker, both available for purchase from the Kiwanis Family Store.

Stress busters

Here are links to resources that will save the day. The link title says it all. Bookmark favorites on your computer.

Family reunion success
Fun games for family gatherings
Keep your pets calm during the holidays
Stain removal guide
Top 10 turkey leftovers
Organizing your home
Re-gifting 101

Mindfulness relaxation practices
Read free online books
Top 10 holiday cookie recipes
Returning merchandise without a receipt
The 10 healthiest chocolates
Energy boosting foods
The benefits of drinking coffee
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