



Bowling Green Elementary School

2009, 2010 & 2011 Kiwanis International K-Kids Distinguished Club & Tablet of Honor Recipient

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K-Kids & Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation

By

Devon Rafanelli

Once upon a time, a K-Kids club called the Bowling Green K-Kids, did the most amazing community service project.

It started when the club was discussing what charity the money for our 1st Annual Talent Show would go to. Everyone decided we should donate the money to the NYD Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation. At the Talent Show, our club raised \$700 for Pediatric Lyme Disease.

The next service year, our club had a fundraiser for St. Patrick's Day. Our club was selling Carnations. Since the St. Patrick's Day color is green, the carnations were green. Since we were going to donate the money to Pediatric Lyme disease, the carnations were "Lyme" green. That fundraiser ended up a huge success.

The following year, our club came to understand in a new way why we should raise money for the Pediatric Lyme Disease foundation. That's because a boy in our community has Pediatric Lyme Disease. He's only in 8th grade. A lot of money was raised for him. About \$80,000 were given to his parents from the NYD Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation so that they could pay his family's medical bills. When we started raising money for Lyme Disease, we were helping strangers. We never imagined we would be helping someone from our own neighborhood.

Our club has raised so much money for Pediatric Lyme Disease over the years. That is why we keep having the St. Patrick's Day Carnation sale.

Our experience with the NYD Kiwanis Lyme Disease proves the true meaning of the words "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6:38.