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Club Single Service Entry Form

(Submit to district administrator)

K-KIDS CLUB INFORMATION

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SIGNATURES

Signatures grant permission to promote contest winning entries on the KI Web sites and in KI publications.

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Faculty Advisor Signature: _____

Kiwanis Advisor Signature: Norma Gonsalves

District Administrator Signature: Nickie S. Feaney Kiwanis District P-9-D

Sept 11 National Day of Service & Remembrance Ceremony & Service Project

Service Need: We felt that it was important to honor those lost on Sept 11th especially on the 10th anniversary. We also realized that most of the members of our club were not even born on the day of the attacks. We knew that there were numerous memorial services planned around our community but none of them were focus on the service aspect of the National Day of Service. We wanted to do what the K-family does best – service. Our service was to bring something positive to one of our country's most tragic events.

Project Plan: To plan our project, we researched the events of Sept 11, 2001 to identify the groups that we wanted to honor. We also looked for a project that would allow us to thank some of the heroes of that horrific day. Creating messages of thanks for soldiers and fire fighters seemed to be the perfect way to honor the memories of the fallen and those who faced danger to save others.

Project Implementation: Our club hosted a K-Family Memorial Bell ringing ceremony to honor those that lost their lives on Sept 11th and during the War on Terror. We invited leaders from all the different SLPs and Kiwanis club in Levittown and East Meadow. We also invited community members and elected officials.

During the ceremony, pairs of K-family leaders remembered one of 10 groups of victims of terrorism. As each group of victims was announced and the gong was struck, the entire audience stood in silent reflection while the sound reverberated throughout the room. Those remembered included the passengers on each flight, those inside the Trade Center towers, those at the Pentagon, the firefighters, the police officers, the other first responders who perished, the workers at Ground Zero, other innocent victims of terrorist attacks around the world, and the service men and service women who have lost their lives in the War on Terror.

The memorial service concluded with the group singing God Bless America led by WT Clarke Key Club President Gina Principato.

Following the ceremony, the over 100 people in attendance engaged in a service project creating pillow hugs for injured service men and service women at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington D.C. and for disabled firefighters being treated for injuries sustained in the line of duty.

Pillow Hugs are pillow cases decorated with messages of thanks, gratitude or inspiration. Some of the messages sent to the soldiers and firefighters by the K-family young people included: "I Sleep Safely Because of You", "Thank you for Keeping Us Safe", "Thank You for Your Service", "A Hug for a Hero" and "America is Grateful".

Final Results: More than 100 pillow cases were decorated and will be delivered to Walter Reed by a group of Vietnam Vets that makes regular visits to the National Military Medical Center.

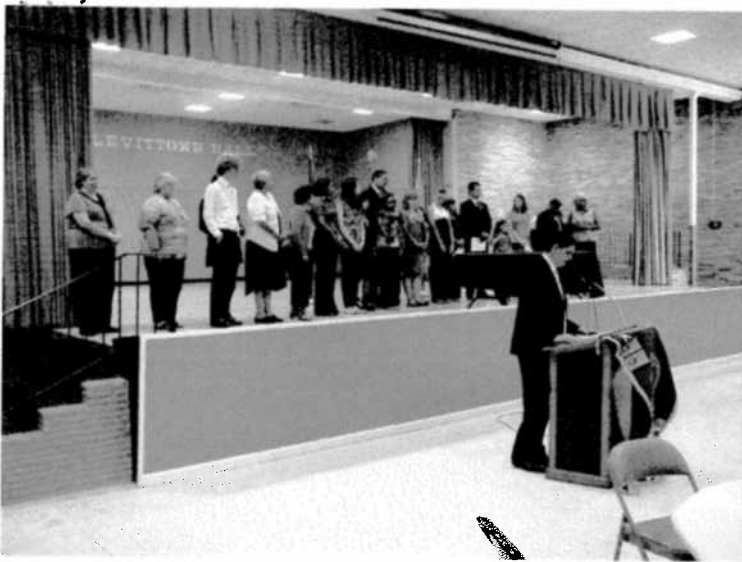
Thanks to the generosity of the East Meadow and Levittown Kiwanis Clubs who paid for the pillow cases and other supplies, the \$155 donated at the door will be sent to Tuesday's Children, a Long Island nonprofit that provides support and services to the children of Sept. 11 victims.

Public Awareness: Invitational announcements were placed in local papers in East Meadow, Hicksville & Levittown. We also invited reporters from the local newspapers, the local Patch.com websites and local officials brought their photographers.

Articles about our event appeared in all the local papers, on the East Meadow and Levittown Patch websites and on the New York District Kiwanis Website.

Member Impact: Our members were truly moved by this project (some literally to tears during the bell ringing memorial). When we asked the membership what project we should enter into the Single Service Award competition, it was the only project nominated. Everyone agreed this was one of best and most important project of the service year.

Our members also learned a lot about the heroism and the spirit of service that the events of Sept 11th inspired all across our country.



**Sept 11 National Day of Service & Remembrance
Gong Ceremony**



**K-Kids & Key Clubber Make "pillow Hugs" for
Injured Soldiers and Disabled Firefighters**



**K-Kids Mia & Kira Show-off the "Pillow Hug"
they made with Circle Ker Christina**



**K-Kid Mackenzie shows the "Pillow Hug" she
made with Builders Clubbers Marissa & Juliet**



**K-Kid Kayla Worked with Key Clubber Gina on
a "Pillow Hug" for a firefighter**



**K-Kids President Devon works with Kiwanis
Advisor Leg. Norma Gonslaves**