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Our trauma centers were on the minds of many Kiwanians and K-family members this holiday season as they planned a variety of new fund raisers and continued traditional holiday fund raisers that benefit KPTC.

The KPTC Foundation is truly grateful to a group of Kiwanians from several Long Island Kiwanis Clubs called the Champions of KPTC that have been working to support the trauma Center at North Shore-LIJ. LISC Lt. Gov.-Elect Dr. Steve Perrick, Georgiana Sena, Robin Asighari, Rich Santer, Lisa Santer, Ann Torcivia and Joe Corace are looking for others interested in helping fundraise for KPTC to join the group. Those interested should contact Georgiana at Georgiporgi@aol.com.

Most recently, the Champions held a Wine Tasting at Mario's Restaurant in Farmingdale which raised more than \$3,000 for the trauma center. The Champions appreciate all those who donated baskets and attended the event.

The Champions have also planned a

Bingo and Baskets fund raiser April 8.

In addition, Ann Torcivia has focused the fund raising efforts of her foundation in memory of her son Joey on the work of the KPTC Service Leadership Committee and their partnership with the NYS Safe Kids Coalition. On Jan. 29, the Joey Foundation will hold a bowling party at South Levittown Lanes. All proceeds from the party will be used to purchase a teaching robot for our Key Clubbers and Circle Kers to teach bicycle safety.

Ann, who is a travel agent, has also arranged a KPTC Cruise to Nowhere on the Norwegian Dream Feb. 12-13, departing from the Port of New York. While the initial block of cabins is sold out, anyone interested in joining us should contact Ann at friendstravel@optonline.net.

Extraordinary support of KPTC is not confined to Kiwanis, our KPTC Service Leadership Programs also used the holidays to fundraise for KPTC.

The North Shore Key Club has been running a Pancake House Fundraiser for KPTC through January 15th at the East Norwich Pancake House 6281 Northern Blvd, East Norwich, NY 11732. For a flyer, email rs2wdld@aol.com.

The WT Clarke Key Club donated a trauma kit to Governor Mike Malark for the NYD Foundation's Emergency Relief Truck. The Key Clubbers have asked Gov. Mike to give the trauma kit to a fire department or ambulance corp at the scene of his next disaster relief mission.

The Bowling Green K-Kids, Key Clubs of Division 6 and the Adelphi Circle K have also continued their tradition of caroling for KPTC. Combined, these K-family members raised more than \$500 caroling for KPTC. These funds will be donated to KPTC through the **KPTC** Service Leadership Fellowship program which just began issuing a brand new third-edition pin. For more information on how to donate to KPTC through this program and to see the new pin, contact KPTC Service Leadership Liaison Rich Santer at rs2wdld@aol.com.

I encourage Kiwanis Clubs to support our Service Leadership Programs particularly in the efforts to fundraise for Kiwanis charities like KPTC.

In closing, I thank every club and every member who has worked to support KPTC whether you attended a fund raising event, made a personal donation, planned a club fundraiser, serve on the KPTC Foundation Board or a divisional or club KPTC chair, it is our combined efforts that save the lives of young children.

I hope that you will continue to support KPTC and save the date of May 7 for the KPTC Doo Wop Show at North Merrick HS.