

**KPTC -
Albany**

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Little did we realize just how successful the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program would be at the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital!

K family members have gone from the ill fated duck race in the Hudson River to providing actual cash payments to the hospital totaling more than \$550,000.

Kiwanis, Circle K, Key and Builders Clubs in the Capital and Van Rensselaer Divisions continue to support this worthwhile project.

Having successfully completed our Trauma Unit pledge of \$500,000, we were asked to help fund equipment for the Albany Medical Center's Neo-natal Unit. Kiwanians met this challenge in



2015, raising \$50,000 allowing the hospital to purchase a very specialized incubator, fondly referred to as a giraffe unit.

Our next project is to raise funds to allow the hospital to purchase brain scanning devices and software to improve care to babies in the Neo-natal unit. This is a \$25,000 pledge.

Since 1993, It has been an honor and

a pleasure for me to lead the team of so many New York District Governors and K Family heroes who continue to work so hard to see this program through!

Pictures memorializing these accomplishments are attached.

Let's keep the program moving at all locations and associate Pediatric Trauma and Neo-Natal Coverage with the Kiwanis organization!

KPTC-Long Island Makes \$50,000 Donation

The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation Board gathered Nov. 4 at Cohen Children's Medical Center to hold the 2015 Annual Meeting and to elect the 2016 KPTC board of directors.

CCMC hospital staff prepared a special program consisting of a virtual tour allowing those in attendance to experience a glimpse of the tremendous

progress of their advanced trauma care and prevention programs such as injury prevention, trauma research and trauma education. This has resulted in Cohen Children's Medical Center becoming the largest pediatric trauma center in New York State and the only Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center on Long Island.

A \$50,000 check was presented to NS-LIJ Health System Liaison Rosemarie C. Ennis, EMT, MA by KPTC Foundation President Joseph L. Corace.

KPTC Foundation, Inc. is committed to the continued support of the KPTC Trauma Center at CCMC which provides highly specialized care for injured children.

District Key Club Launches Fund Raiser

This year, New York District Key Club has partnered with a nonprofit organization called The Giving Circle for Gov. Hanna Nichols' Governor's Project "Hunger."

The Giving Circle is based out of Saratoga, NY, and works to combat hunger, the water crisis, and to provide education as well as disaster relief both nationally and internationally.

New York District Key Club has decided to partner with this organization to raise \$10,000 for a farm in Uganda that will be named, "The New York District Key Club Farm." This farm will feed the children who live in the local orphanage and attend the school in addition to all of the inhabitants of the town. It will also provide jobs for the members of the community to sell the goods in the local market.

The founder of The Giving Circle, Mark Bertrand, said that this farm is a matter of life or death for the people living in this community. We are not only



saving the lives of the people that currently live there, but we are impacting generations of individuals. Kids that used to have to stay home from school to work for food will now be able to gain an education and achieve their career aspirations, which will impact their future family and so on.

To raise money, the New York District

Key Club is conducting a District Wide T-Shirt Fundraiser. These T-Shirts are \$10, and the order form can be filled out by clubs as a whole.

For further information, contact Gov.