

# New York District Kiwanis Foundation

## District Foundation

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Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that everyone has had a great and safe new year and I wish only positive things in the upcoming year.

Last year at this time I told you how we were able to restructure many things in the previous year, cut down unnecessary spending while keeping our standards of a great place for the seniors and children that attend our Kamp. I'm here to tell that most of our goals for last year were realized. We upgraded many cabins that really needed it. Thanks to Kyle Hoffman from the Metropolitan Division

we rebuilt a cabin that was really in need and of course Herb Chan, also from the Metropolitan Division, took care of a great deal of problems that arose during the year.

All this work is always to make the Kamp Kiwanis experience for the attendees is a great one that will be never forgotten. We were able to stay fiscally sound while doing all of the aforementioned upgrades.

Of course, this does not mean that we now relax, much to the contrary; we must stay vigilant in maintaining the quality of the Kamp because upgrades are necessary. The harsh winters alone always give us many challenges to overcome before opening for the next year, then there is government regulations that give us cause for unexpected expense. For example, the pool lift that we have is no longer adequate for government regulation, so before the upcoming Kamping season we will be spending

\$6,000 to \$7,000 to purchase and install a new lift. Thanks to some very generous people, we have already covered part of that expense.

Most importantly however, is the children that attend Kamp Kiwanis. Every year we strive to improve their experience because we know that the better the experience the more they learn and the more that they are likely to be better people as they grow up in their community.

Last year almost 600 children experienced Kamp Kiwanis. We are looking to increase that figure. We can make an impact on many more children, we just need you to sponsor more.

As always, I want to thank all of the Kiwanis clubs and individuals who sponsored children last year. Please know that you truly made a positive impact on them.

Happy New Year and see you at Mid-Winter.

## International Foundation

Jim Mancuso



One of the lesser-understood aspects of Kiwanis International to its members is the charitable activities taken by the Kiwanis International Foundation. Sure we all know about the Eliminate Project, which has raised nearly \$110 million, but the foundation has much more to it, and recent improvements have transformed it into a world-class organization.

For example, Charity Navigator, an independent American nonprofit corporation that evaluates charities in the United States, gave our foundation a 0 rating in 2011. It now has reached a maximum possible score of 4. This rating increase occurred because KIF has worked diligently on reporting transparency and continually reducing its

percentage of overhead associated with supporting its giving programs.

More recent great news was that The Lilly Endowment (as in the pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly and Company) provided a grant for \$1.5 Million to the foundation. It has been more than three decades since this endowment (which is based in Indianapolis) had provided any resources to Kiwanis. These funds will allow KIF to maintain a version of the staffing and infrastructure built for The Eliminate Project, which is now being repurposed since that program has ended. The formal fundraising campaign for The Eliminate Project concluded December 31, 2015. Over time, this new grant will dramatically increase the KIF's fundraising capacity.

KIF current assets are approximately \$15 million, and now efforts shift from Eliminate to multi-program charitable giving. In 2014, KIF was able to provide \$650,000 in grants, including the fulfillment of a \$300,000 grant to Kiwanis International to support the Centennial Park projects.

I recommend you check out our foundation and take the time to learn more

about it. Understand how the foundation is taking care of our children. Learn about the Kiwanis Children's Fund, which has programs and initiatives that support and benefit thousands of children each year. Learn about the Youth Opportunities Fund, which supports Key Club International. Once our children become adults, KIF continues its support with the Tomorrow Fund helping Circle K International's college and university students serve their communities and develop leadership skills for life after graduation.

KIF also needs your support. So, see if you can find it in your heart to make a donation or have your club find ways to raise funds for the foundation. The foundation has ways to show its appreciation and provide recognition to Kiwanians who support it: The Today Club, recognizing per member giving levels and the President's Challenge for district leadership when they raise district-giving levels.

You can learn more about the foundation at [www.kiwanis.org/foundation](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation). Thank you for your support.

## Bowling Green K Kids Celebrate Make a Difference Day

In honor of Make A Difference Day, the Bowling Green K-Kids attended the Trunk-or-Treat Street Fair at the Massapequa Train Station. The event was presented by the Massapequa Moms, Long Island Loyalty and the Joey Foundation.

The K-Kids gave out candy to trick-or-treaters and ran a craft table where visitors made Halloween decorations using

paint color sample cards. Visitors making the decoration were asked to donate \$1 to put a new roof on the Bethel Primary School in the island nation of the Jamaica.

The K-Kids received more than \$150 in donations which will be used for the memorial plaque acknowledging donors to the new roof project.

The roof replacement project is a part-

nership between the Hopewell Kiwanis Club and the Joey Foundation.

Plans are currently in the works to set-up a pen pal program between the Bethel Primary School students and the Bowling Green K-Kids.