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# Norco (California) Kiwanis Club in Action!

## **Bicycle Give-Away Program**

The Norco Kiwanis Club gave away over 70 bicycles and helmets to disadvantaged youths in the Norco and Mira Loma areas.

The Norco Kiwanis Club would like to thank the City of Norco and the staff of the Sixth Street Fire Station for letting us use their community facility for the distribution of the bikes.



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Each year, the Norco Kiwanis club collects used, unwanted bicycles and delivers them to the California Institute for Women, located near Corona and Chino. There, inmates take the bikes apart and prepare them for refurbishing.

The women gather new and used parts to create near-new bicycles. The prison then returns the bicycles to the Kiwanis club (and other charitable organizations) so that they can be given to children in need.

The Norco Kiwanis Club also donates \$1,000 annually for new spare parts.

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- 1. Keep focused on Young Children/Priority One.
- 2. Adopt a project.
- 3. Involve your local community.
- 4. Partner with other organizations.

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# Mifflinburg (Pennsylvania) Kiwanians donate monkeys to Ambulance Association!



The Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club recently purchased a supply of small stuffed monkeys and donated them to the Mifflinburg Ambulance Association to be given to children being transported to the hospital. Since this is often a traumatizing experience for a young child, receiving this "buddy" can often provide comfort during the ride and while at the hospital.

In the photo receiving the monkeys from Kiwanis President -Elect Florence Van Dyke, are Connie Hensley and Jason Mercer of the ambulance team.

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# Naperville Evening Kiwanis Club (Illinois) Donation of \$600 Brings Happier Birthdays to Needy Children

Naperville Evening Kiwanis Club donated \$600 to fund brighter birth-days for needy children in the Humanitarian Service Project's (HSP) Children's Birthday Project. The club is devoted to children's causes and meets every Monday on the 3rd floor of the Education Center at Edwards Hospital, in Naperville, Illinois, at 6:15 PM. Naperville Evening Kiwanis sponsors three high school Kiwanis Key Clubs which perform their individual service projects in the community and assist the Evening Kiwanis in their major fundraising activities, which include their Pancake Festival and Peanut Days.

The funds will be used for HSP's Children's Birthday Project which provides a child ages 3-12 with a 25-30 lb. Birthday Box containing 6



new books, 6-15 new toys, school supplies, stuffed animals, one new game, various other gifts such as bubbles, card games, mini toys, and a Party-in-a-Box filled with all the items necessary to have a birthday party. The child receives the birthday package the week of their birthday, and provides a memorable "Special Day" for an impoverished child in our community. A sponsorship for a child is only \$54 and also includes gifts at Christmas time, back-to-school supplies, and the child's family becomes eligible for the HSP's summer-time Feed the Kids Program as well.

Carl Voss of the Naperville Evening Kiwanis said, "We fund HSP's Children's Birthday Project because it is such a good fit with our mission to serve the children of the world."

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## Oak Bay (Victoria, British Columbia, Canada) Kiwanis Club—Serving the Children of the World

Right: Kiwanis member Susan Menzie cuts the salmon as they get ready for the hungry at the annual barbeque at Willows Beach. Money raised from the event was donated to the Crystal Meth Society. You've seen them hosting the Halloween Bonfire at Fireman's Park, on the Avenue giving out Hot Chocolate and serving tea at the Willows Beach Tea Room. Have you wondered who these energetic people are?

You may think they must have lots of free time to spend it this way. It's true some are retired, but most are still working. There is a fireman, an investment counselor, a school teacher, a government employee, a military



officer, a student, a policeman, a real estate agent, a marine surveyor, a lawyer just to name a few. The retired group includes school teachers, bank executives, housewives, health care workers, government employees. In other words a cross section of our community.

These folks recognized a need beyond what various levels of government provide. They seek to make our community a better place to live. They are members of the Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay. In 1949 the club built the Willows Beach Tea Room and donated it to the municipality. The club leases it back from the municipality and the profits have provided community with many of the amenities we take for granted.

Playground equipment at Willows Park, the Jack Grove Field House at Fireman's Park, the Jack Wallace Field Track behind the Rec. Centre, the PT Cruiser, the Scout and Guide Halls, the Mayors Chain of Office, the Reading Room at the Library, Bus Shelters, the Bulletin Kiosk in front of the Municipal Hall and the Heritage Signs to are just a few of the donations made over the years.

The Tea Room provides the funds for many local and international activities. Some of the needs we were able to help this year include Child Find, The Crystal Meth Society, Cops for Cancer, Best Babies, Youth Sports Teams, the 'YES' Awards, Scholarships for Oak Bay High, The Canadian College of Performing Arts and UVIC.

One of our major activities both financially and with personal involvement is Operation Track shoes which we have continually supported from its inception. International support has gone to Tanzania, Mozambique, Philippines and of course Haiti.

The Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay recognized a need for affordable housing for low income seniors. It built and operates a 71 apartment complex in Oak Bay for that purpose

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#### **Editor's Notes:**

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#### **BE A JOLLY GOOD ZELLER FELLOW!**

Who knew 25 Canadian silver dollars could launch a multi-million dollar organization that now underwrites life-altering worldwide service projects? Walter Zeller must have, for it was his gift in 1940 that started the Kiwanis International Foundation. And it's going to take forward-thinking people and gifts like Walter's to raise the US\$110 million needed to protect and save mothers and babies around the world.

The founder of the Zellers chain of thrift stores, Walter gave much of his time to service and philanthropy. To honor his commitment, the foundation has created the Walter Zeller Fellowship, only for The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Make a one-time gift or two-year consecutive pledge of US\$1,250 and you'll become a Walter Zeller Fellow. You'll receive a special medallion, lapel pin and certificate. And when you donate in full before September 30 (either online or by mail or fax), you'll be recognized as a Charter Zeller Fellow. Learn more about this extraordinary man and take steps to join him by making your pledge at www.TheEliminateProject.org/give.

As part of Young Children/Priority One, this great project will be a huge success. Be part of this project.



