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Hello Ohio Kiwanis Family!

I am excited to announce to you my Governor's Project: CHILD

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At times, I feel we get too involved in the quantity of service and not the quality of service. The idea behind this project is that we focus on the quality of service and try to make an impact that will last beyond the service project. I know this is broad reaching, but I encourage each of you to really think about whether or not your service is making a lasting impact. If you don't feel the project is making a lasting impact, see if you can find a way to make it lasting. The acronym CHILD doubles as encouragement to work with children around your campus. There are many organizations looking for partners to provide community service to the child population.

I encourage you to use this as a stepping stone for your club and yourself. Evaluate what you are doing for service and whether or not you are satisfied with that. If not, try some of the projects in this handbook. Reach out to other Circle K, Key Club, Kiwanis, Aktion, Builders, or K-Kids Clubs to create a group project.

The final line of our Circle K pledge is "...to dedicate myself to the realization of mankind's potential." We need to take steps towards achieving that. By working together we can see the potential in others and help them achieve that whether it is helping them read, giving the confidence, or just providing a listening ear, we can make a difference.

There will be recognition at DCON for clubs participating. There is a form at the end of this packet where you can fill in the projects your club has done towards the CHILD project and where you can tell me about your best project. You don't have to wait until the end of the year. If your club does a great project, email me and I will add it to the packet for other clubs to use! Together we can have a lasting impact.

In Service,
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Project Ideas

1. Tutor local elementary students.

By tutoring you are helping lay the foundation for the child's future. You can help make a difference in the child's life by helping them grow academically. This website lists the school district websites in Ohio so you can look to get more information about the school district near campus.

<http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-school-districts-links-8>

"No act of kindness no matter how small is ever waster." - Aesop

2. Shop for a family in need for the holiday.

Do you remember opening presents as a child and how much it meant to get a new toy? Imagine not having anything to open on that holiday. Consider having shoes that torn, full of holes, and do not protect your feet. Wouldn't you be excited to get light up, Dora the Explorer shoes? To families in need, the holidays are particularly hard. With your club, raise money and shop for a family wish list.

"One person can make a difference and every person should try." – John F. Kennedy

3. Check with the local food pantry to see if they have special projects during the holiday season.

One example is the Mid-Ohio Food Bank builds wagons for those in need and fills them with food for the holidays. This provides several meals for the families during the holiday season and also provides a gift for the children in the family. Sometimes a small gift can make all the difference to a child in need.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." – John Wesley

4. Work at the local food pantry on a regular basis.

See if they have a student night every other week and get your club together to go. Having a consistent project helps to see the impact. Here is a link to a search field for many of the food banks or pantries in Ohio.

<http://www.foodpantries.org/st/ohio>

["So small at first, but look how they grow." – Grandmother Willow from Pocahontas](#)

5. Volunteer at a Camp for disadvantaged students (economically, academically, socially, etc.)

There are many camps, such as Camp O'Bannon and Camp Nuhop that work to provide a great camp experience for children that may be economically disadvantaged, have a learning disability, or need help connecting with their peers. Going to camp helps build confidence and teaches life lessons to last a lifetime.

["What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." - Aristotle](#)

6. Help with a Reconstruction Project

Is there a park in your area that needs a little work? Maybe the benches need finished or the weeds need picked or the playground just needs a little sprucing up. Whatever it is, see if you can help beautify the park. When you clean up the park, you are giving back, not just to one child or family, but to many.

["What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." – Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

7. Team Up with Special Olympics

If you aren't able to be a buddy or help coach a Special Olympics team, see when their events are and go as cheerleaders. Make signs at the meeting before the event and take them with you to cheer everyone on.

<http://www.soo.org/index.php>

["Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle." - Plato](#)

8. Host a Book Drive

Join in with Better World Books to host a book drive on your campus or in the community. These can be textbooks or fun books to read. Better World Books resells some of the books to fund literacy awareness and aid. If you'd rather donate the books to an area school, shelter, or library, do that!

<http://www.betterworldbooks.com/go/donation-bookdrive>

["The more completely we give of ourselves, the more completely the world gives back to us." – The Buddha](#)

9. Become a Mentor

Check with your local Big Brothers, Big Sisters clubs or area schools to see if schools need mentors that help the students. You can just be a role model and help them form good study habits early on.

"If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, I have achieved success." – Alex Nobel

10. Dance Marathon

Put together a dance marathon with the money raised going to a Children's Hospital in your area. Many schools across the country from Penn State to Ohio State to Findlay and Toledo host these. Your Circle K could start one if there isn't one present already. Dancers pledge to dance for a certain period of time (you can pick) and collect donations. Children's Miracle Network is a great partner and helps with resources and where to get started.

<http://dancemarathon.com/>

"After the verb to love, to help is the most beautiful verb in the world." – Bertha von Suttner

ELIMINATE Fundraisers

Eliminate is working to save babies and their mothers. This is truly a lasting difference as you are saving a life. This is a great project to use to join with other member of the Kiwanis Family.

1. Film Night

This is a fun activity for the whole family. See if your campus has a large classroom that could be used to project a movie or check with local parks about the possibility of a movie on the lawn. Work with your Kiwanis Family clubs in the area to plan other games and activities in addition to the movie.

"The more credit you give away, the more will come back to you. The more you help others, the more they will want to help you." – Brian Tracy

2. Silent Auction/Raffle Baskets

If your club has connections to area businesses, this is a great project. Ask for donations of gift cards, products, or services and then have a silent auction or create raffle baskets. Invite area Kiwanians, families, and the campus.

"Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see." – Mark Twain

3. Battle of the Bands

Do you know of a college band on campus? Maybe there is one in your Circle K club. Host a battle of the bands. Challenge other student organizations to bring their best band to the event to compete. It is great publicity for the bands that perform and can be used as a fundraiser.

"I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or good thing I can do to a fellow being, let me do it now, and do not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again." – William Penn

4. Murder Mystery Dinner

Was it the butler in the lounge with the knife or the maid in the kitchen with the rope? In your murder mystery dinner you decide! This brings out the creativity in your club as you write and perform the murder mystery. Invite faculty, staff, Kiwanians, friends, alumni, and the surrounding community.

For more great ideas on Eliminate fundraisers, check out the Eliminate Project website here.

<http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/newresources/Fundraisingandserviceideas.aspx>

Still looking for more great ideas? Try some of these area agencies that have volunteering opportunities.

Hands on Ohio

Central Ohio - <http://www.handsoncentralohio.org/>

Northeast Ohio - <http://www.handsonneo.org/>

Volunteer Match

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/?l=Ohio#>

Salvation Army

www.Salvationarmyusa.org

Awards Application (Attach Separate Pages as Necessary)

Club Name _____ Division _____

Project Description	Project Date	Number of CKI Members from your club	Number of CKI members from another club (if applicable)	Number of other Kiwanis Family members (if applicable)	Total Service Hours

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe your best project from the above list. Explain how it fits this year's governor's project, including the lasting difference it made.