



# Kiwaniis®

## TELLICO VILLAGE LOUDON, TN

## DIRECTORY OF CLUB PROJECTS

Our Mission Statement:  
To make a difference in the lives of children.  
One child and one community at a time.

Kids are curious, lovable, and hilarious. They are also  
wild, impatient, and vulnerable.

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## INTRODUCTION

The **Directory of Club Projects** contains the wide variety of activities the Kiwanis Club of TV offers for membership participation.

It is intended to help educate and inform our members; helping them select a project or two they might consider volunteering their time and knowledge.

The directory is a useful tool for all our members.

- Veteran members, who after serving several years on a particular project, search for a new and different experience.
- Newer members will find this directory to be very informative as they pursue volunteer opportunities.
- Club members have also found the directory to be beneficial when recruiting potential new members or while working to solicit corporate sponsors.

From time-to-time neighbors and even prospective new members will ask, “What are the Tellico Village Kiwanians involved with these days?” Your directory will provide an assortment of projects with brief descriptions that can be referenced to answer those questions.

Thank You to our committee chairs for providing updated information contained in this directory.

Cordially,

The Board of Directors



These are just a few of our many club projects.

## YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Overview** - The Youth Services Committee (YSC) has as its basic objective the Kiwanis mission, "Serving the Children of the World." Through educational projects and support for areas of need, YSC develops character, expands young minds, challenges creativity, and encourages a sense of well-being for our youth from kindergarten, through college. Kiwanians work directly with our school partners in our community to support projects through financial support and manpower to nurture existing projects and develop new projects that fill unmet needs. Examples of these projects: Reading in the Classroom, Weekend Food 4 Kids, Back to School Clothes, Amtryke (therapeutic trikes for disadvantaged, physically challenged children) and Robotics in the Classroom.

### PROJECTS

#### ***Key Club Loudon High School***

Our club provides financial support and advice to the Key Club. Key Club members are involved in many worthwhile projects, with the emphasis on leadership development and community involvement. An exceptional group of young adults.

#### ***Back to School Clothing Program***

Working closely with the school Family Resource Centers in Lenoir City and Loudon, we provide retail gift cards to children who are less fortunate. This assistance provides the funds to purchase new school clothes for the upcoming year. Malibu Boats is the corporate sponsor of this project.

#### ***Kids First – Child Advocacy Center (CAC)***

The Kids First-Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 agency in Lenoir City that serves severe physically and sexually abused children throughout Loudon County and the 9th Judicial District. The Kiwanis Club provides financial support through donations, attendance at CAC fundraisers and provides manpower when requested to help meet the needs of the Center.

#### ***Reading and Tutoring***

We provide both financial and manpower support through the school Family Resource Centers to assist with student tutoring.

#### ***Loudon County Education Foundation/Student Scholarships***

Loudon County Education Foundation (LCEF) meets monthly to encourage business and community participation in education within Loudon County schools. A Kiwanis member attends these meetings and works with the LCEF to provide 2 Kiwanis financial scholarships to worthy student recipients.

## **Youth Services Committee Continued**

### ***Robotics in the Class Room***

Kiwanians collaborate with school administrators, faculty, and students in our community to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills using Robotics and related technology. Funds from Kiwanis and our corporate partners are provided to purchase state-of-the-art equipment/materials to aid the students' Robotics learning activities which develop and encourage team building skills, critical thinking, and design thinking. The Robotics effort in the schools is an investment in our students' futures and prepares them at an early age in their education to excel and compete in the workplace. Young minds are receptive to these initiatives and the students quickly master these skills.

### ***STAR Riding Academy***

STAR is a therapeutic riding program, with over 400 volunteers that assist persons with disabilities or challenges to achieve their personal goals by completing horse related activities. STAR is located off Hwy 11 (north of Lenoir City) and serves children, youth, and adults from 10 surrounding counties. STAR receives both our financial and manpower support. We sponsor Sampson a Chestnut Draft Cross Gelding.

### ***Weekend Food 4 Kids***

We provide both financial and manpower support for this program which presently serves the disadvantaged students at Loudon Elementary School. Our members pack bags of healthy snacks from the 4 food groups. On Friday's when school is in session, teachers confidentially distribute the bags to these children. Food is purchased through Second Harvest; who delivers the food to the schools.

### ***Amtryke Project***

Our club provides financial and manpower support to provide therapeutic tricycles to special needs children who are unable to operate a traditional bike. These unique tricycles can be either hand and/or foot operated and can accommodate riders with varying degrees of physical limitations. These bikes have many therapeutic benefits including improved motor skills, strength development and self-esteem.

### ***Ronnie Raper Children's Music Program***

This project provides financial support to a musician from Etowah who provides free musical instruments and instructions to underprivileged middle school students.

### ***Lenoir City Elementary School Volunteer Hours***

This project provides administrative support to multiple Lenoir City Elementary School programs such as the library and reading programs.

## Youth Services Committee Continued

### ***Trout in The Classroom***

We provide financial and manpower support for this environmental education program. Three schools currently participate in the program; Fort Loudon Middle, North Middle and Greenback middle. Students in grades K-12 raise trout from eggs to fry, monitor tank water quality, study stream habitat, begin to foster a conservation ethic, learn to appreciate water resources and to understand ecosystems. In the fall we get trout eggs from a local fish hatchery. Fish are fed daily and the aquarium and the water quality are maintained weekly. In the spring, on a school sponsored field trip, the trout are released in a state-approved stream or river. As you would expect, students are simply fascinated with the hatching process.

### ***Disadvantaged Children Cold Weather Clothing Fund***

Winter jackets are purchased for disadvantaged children within the Lenoir City and Loudon School systems. The Family Resource Centers identify those in need, handle the administration, and the of distribution jackets to the children.

### ***Special Olympics***

Special Olympics helps children and adults with intellectual disabilities realize new dreams through sports training and competition by providing a variety of Olympic-type sports. These children and adults are given opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts. The Kiwanis team participates annually in the Special Olympics events by providing man hours and funding to facilitate the Special Olympics.

### ***Get Your Selfie 2 School***

Our club provides financial and manpower support for this program being promoted in Lenoir City Schools and Loudon County Schools. The main goal for Get Your Selfie 2 School! is to unite community partners and sponsors from individuals, businesses, corporations, civic groups, non-profit service providers and faith-based organizations to assist in promoting the importance of regular school attendance.

### ***Without Limits***

Without Limits is a program started in Monroe County in 2019 to offer baseball to athletes with special needs. Without Limits works with the Loudon Diamond Club; which offers youth baseball and softball to local children. Loudon Without Limits was added to the Sweetwater and Tellico Plains teams. The Loudon team consists of 21 players ranging in age from 5 to 28. This Kiwanis Project offers financial support, and volunteers to help support the athletes.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Overview** - No matter your interests and talents, the Community Services Committee most likely has an activity in which you will want to participate. We encourage all Kiwanis member to participate in any of our activities regardless of their committee. We look forward to having you as one of our committee members.

### PROJECTS

#### ***The Good Samaritan Center***

Kiwanians volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center. The Center can always use more volunteers. Either to work a four-hour shift in their pantry stocking food items, or packing bags of food for distribution to clients. In-take workers and front desk reception is another area that needs support. During the year, additional volunteer support is needed with special projects such as building shelving, help with the collection and storage of food from annual Battle of the Bridge, or the annual Postal Service food collection.

#### ***Commodity Food Distribution***

Once each quarter, Kiwanis coordinates with the Mid-East government organization for the receipt, packing, and delivery of surplus government commodities to residents in Lenoir City. Those receiving food are primarily low-income elderly or handicapped that are unable to pick up the food themselves. Recipients are qualified for the distributions through Mid-East.

#### ***Habitat for Humanity***

Habitat for Humanity is included in our annual financial giving. In addition, several of our members volunteer their time and effort to support house building related programs sponsored by the organization.

#### ***Tellico Village Library***

Opportunities are available at the library to volunteer on the circulation desk, serve on the Friends of the Library Board, assist in the annual book sale & other fund-raising events, and in a variety of other ways. The Kiwanis Club also supports the library with a financial donation.

#### ***Ft. Loudoun Medical Center***

Many volunteer opportunities are available from helping in the storeroom, working at the reception desk, assisting visitors, etc.

#### ***Good Neighbors Shoppe***

This shop is operated by volunteers with the profits donated to many charitable organizations throughout the county. Kiwanians volunteer their time weekly. Additional volunteers are always needed. The Good Neighbor Shoppe gives back over \$400,000 annually to the charities.

## **Community Services Committee Continued**

### ***Christmas Adopt-A-Family and Santa's Helpers***

Three families, in need of assistance, are selected through the Lenoir City Family Resource Center. Each family is "adopted" by a Kiwanian. The Kiwanis member purchases gifts for each family member they received from the Family Resource Center.

A few weeks prior to Christmas, members from our club step up as Santa's Helpers. They volunteer to wrap Christmas gifts for distribution to disadvantaged children vetted by the Lenoir City Family Resource Center. Over 400 gifts are wrapped each year. The Adopt-A-Family and Santa's Helpers Project brings joy to those in need every year.

### ***TAP Program***

A financial donation is provided to the Tellico Village Computer Club for repair and upgrading computers that are donated to children in need. If you like working with computers, volunteers are always welcome.

### ***Iva's Place***

Assistance with carpentry and similar projects that are identified for this women's shelter is offered when needed. The Kiwanis Club also supports Iva's Place with a financial donation.

### ***Tellico Working Together***

Kiwanis Club works together with 7 other civic organizations and churches in the Tellico Village area to support each other in various community-oriented projects and charitable causes.

### ***C.O.P.S Program***

This program (in conjunction with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office) consists of volunteers who are trained in various aspects of security measures. They are assigned to a shift that patrols Tellico Village and adjacent areas of the community in a former Sheriff vehicle.

### ***Veteran Assist Program***

Kiwanis Club provides financial resources to the local Veterans Service Office to assist deserving veterans.

### ***Buddy Break***

Volunteers provide care to disabled adults and children by giving parents and "care givers" needed relief for a few hours. This takes place at Christ Lutheran Church in Loudon.

### ***International Program***

Kiwanis Club provides financial and moral support to the Lions Academy school in Kenya. The school for disadvantaged and orphaned children was founded by two Tellico Village Kiwanians.

### ***Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department***



Volunteers serve as “first responders” to emergencies in Tellico Village.

## **Community Services Committee Continued**

### ***T-BART***

Volunteers respond and assist stranded boaters on Tellico Lake. Participants provide non-emergency and non-medical assistance to boaters on a year-round basis.

### ***Buddy Benches***

This project involves collecting plastic bottle/jar caps that are non-recyclable. A Kiwanian orders the bench by phone. The plastic is delivered to Green Tree Plastics in Indiana and the order is picked up. The collected plastic is made into a “Buddy Bench” via an extrusion process. Our club provides minor funding support for the program. The goal of a Buddy Bench is to help reduce social isolation. If a child is having a difficult day, they sit on the bench. This is a signal to others that they may need a “buddy.” This project has expanded branching out into new counties, Boys and Girls Clubs, other Kiwanis Clubs, and charitable organizations.

### ***Our Place***

Volunteers are needed at Our Place, the Day Care center for those suffering from Alzheimer’s. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, please consider volunteering at this worthwhile facility.

### ***Tea at The Neighborhood***

This event is held on the last Tuesday of the month. It provides an opportunity for our Kiwanis ladies to socialize with many of the women who reside at The Neighborhood. The Kiwanis gals bring sweets, goodies, and their own fine china. All who attend have a very delightful time

### ***STAYinTV***

Kiwanis continues to support the STAYinTV aging in place initiative. Opportunities are available to assist your fellow neighbors in Tellico Village.

### ***Sunshine Coordinator***

Our Sunshine Coordinator provides inspiration and encouragement to fellow Kiwanians. Several hours each month are spent sending out birthday cards, get well wishes and sympathy condolences. The Sunshine Coordinator also keeps the club prayer list up-to-date by asking members to forward names of those in need of prayers.

### ***Other Community Outreach Programs***

Kiwanis Club provides financial or manpower hours in support of other worthwhile causes around Tellico Village areas. A few examples include: Tellico Lakeside Trails Maintenance, (WATeR) Program, Litter Angels, etc.

## YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE COMMITTEE

**Overview** – With projects focusing on the unique needs of very young children, YCPO strives to address their intellectual and emotional development as well as foster an enthusiasm for learning. Project activities include support for early reading, and assuring funds for the purchase of kindergarten classroom supplies.

### PROJECTS

#### ***Dolly Parton Book Program (Imagination Library)***

This Program provides one book a month to all incoming Kindergarten students. The books are mailed directly to the child's home. Kiwanis provides financial assistance and members volunteer to assist in enrollment process.

#### ***Head Start Book Distribution***

Financial support is given to two Head Start classes at the Harrison Hills Head Start Center to maintain their reading library.

#### ***Kindergarten Supplies for Greenback, Lenoir City, Loudon, Philadelphia & Steekee Elementary Schools***

Club donates funds to assist kindergarten teachers in purchasing supplies for their classrooms.

#### ***Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up (Lenoir City)***

We assist school staff in conducting pre-k and kindergarten registration and multiple assignments.

#### ***Lending Library***

This program brings the school library to the kindergarten classes at Lenoir City Elementary School. Once a week during the school year, a cart stocked with library books is placed outside each classroom door. A member is assigned to each cart to serve as the "librarian." Prior to the school start each child is permitted to search for a book, take the library card out of the pocket and hand it to the member who then records name and date of the child. The child's teacher provides a folder that contains suggestions for the parent as they read the book to their child.

#### ***Early Childhood Literacy***

Every other Thursday of the month during the school year, volunteers read to Pre-Kindergarten children at Lenoir City Elementary School. This project follows the Lending Library program held on the specified Thursday morning.

The children gather in classrooms and listen to a book reading by a volunteer. The children are attentive and very often a question-and-answer session follows. This program helps to introduce young children to the fascination of books.

## YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE COMMITTEE Continued

### ***Friends of Tennessee Babies with Special Needs***

The Club provides financial support and manhours to assist in enhancing the potential of infants and young children with disabilities.

### ***Let's Talk***

We provide financial support to an early literacy program designed to help parents learn and practice activities and techniques for different critical developmental skills. During this program there is an interactive book reading, crafts, activities, and a healthy snack all based around the book that was read. This program is available for children two years old - PreK and their parents.

### ***Lenoir City ES Book Fair***

The Lenoir City Elementary School annual book fair is during the first few weeks of school. The fair offers an opportunity for parents and grandparents to buy books for their children at a very reasonable low price. Kiwanis support allows children without the financial means to participate in the fair.

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