



Kiwaniis[®]

CLUB OF KAILUA-KONA

Kiwaniis Club of Kailua-Kona is a part of the larger Kiwanis International global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Locally, we are involved with many community youth programs and community activities.

To perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority:

*We provide baby/children's blankets, soft stuffed animals, coloring book sets and finger puppets for the children in the hospital as well as the children in the waiting rooms. The hospital has found that frightened children are much calmer having these items to hug. We also provide the hospital with infant car seats for training and occasionally donating to needy families.



*We support the Hospice of Kona in several bereavement programs - Camp Erin's cleanup and teardown, Keiki Festival Fundraiser for Camp Erin, and the Palace Bereavement Ceremony.

*We work with PATH Hawaii for bike safety that includes education, training, and helmets for children at Kealakehe Elementary school. Also Kiwanis members participate in the Big Island swim meet as timers.



*We provide toiletries, backpacks, children's blankets, slippers and soft stuffed toys to the Children's Justice System Kids Matter program which supports children brought into the justice system through police & court activities.



*We participate in the Adopt-A-Grade project at a fourth grade classroom at Kealakehe Elementary School. Kiwanis members mentor students, organize the student library, and support student activities as an aid to the teacher.

*We have an Adopt-A-Student project which provides a backpack and school supplies for 2 students at the beginning of the school year.



To help with homeless & transitional children:

*We provide educational support to the children of the Ulu Wini transitional housing complex by donating books, Lego toys used for science projects, and plants for training in the landscaping and gardening program. Other assistance includes supplying fabrics, thread, pins and needles to support the sewing training program for their mothers.

*We provide five Christmas Food Baskets to families associated with Habitat for Humanity. Kiwanis members also support local food banks.



To support youth leadership:

*We sponsor the Kealakehe High School Key Club as a student-led activity. The Key Club is new but has been active in community projects including car washes; making hygiene kits for the needy; and highway, beach, and campus cleanup. The Key Club also participates in Kiwanis projects.



*We provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to reward a member of Key Club in recognition of active participation and leadership qualities.

To provide meaningful community involvement:

*We participate in the Hawaii Highway Cleanup program by picking up trash on the Queen's Highway four times a year. This covers 2 miles north of the airport.



*We participate in community events including the Christmas and the Fourth of July Parades, local triathlons, the Charity Walk, and Chamber of Commerce activities.

*We organize an annual Kiwanis Golf Tournament in Kailua-Kona.

"We are so very thankful for the Kiwanis Club of Kona's on-going generosity to the hospital! Their donations of children's comfort items have made a big impact to the ER, Short Stay Surgery & OB Departments!" Stephanie Kinsey, Development Officer, Kona Hospital Foundation