

Kiwanis contribute to youth and the community

Scholarship Awards

A student loan program preceded the scholarship awards extending from 1958 to 1978. Loans were extended to an estimated 20 students with about \$10,000 being loaned.

The scholarship award program started in 1979. Graduating high school seniors are invited to fill out application forms in the spring and the scholarship committee then meets to evaluate the applications and select winners.

The scholarships were initially awarded to students who would attend four-year institutions. However, in 1992 the club added two scholarships to graduates who would attend Kirkwood Community College. The awards made to date total \$33,300 to 65 students; 45 to students will attend four-year institutions and 20 to students who will attend Kirkwood Community College.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY)

Under the auspices of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation, there are three-day workshops held in all 60 states which are intended to motivate tomorrow's leaders. The seminars enjoy the support and endorsement of Kiwanis International. The candidates are outstanding 10th grade students with leadership abilities. In coordination with the Marion High School counselor, one individual is selected each year.

The club entered this program in 1985 and to date has sponsored 15 students at a cost of \$2,345.

Children's Miracle Network

In Iowa, the recipient of funds raised is the Iowa Children's Health Care Center at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. It provides specialized health care services for children.

Children treated at the center receive care for a broad spectrum of disorders including cancer, heart disease, muscular dystrophy, birth defects, accidents and congenital illnesses.

The club has been involved in this project since 1987 and has contributed \$8,303.

Project Graduation

The purpose of this project was to provide alternative activities for local graduating seniors and their guests on graduation night.

Parties take place in a chaperoned and controlled environment. The Marion Kiwanis started support of this activity in 1984 by contributing an equal amount to each of the local high schools.

Contribution to date is \$1,200.

Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD)

In 1996, Kiwanis International undertook a worldwide service project in an effort to eliminate the world's leading preventable cause of mental retardation through the use of iodized salt. Since that time, the Marion Kiwanis have contributed \$3,868 to that cause.

Little League

The Marion Kiwanis have sponsored a Little League team in the period from 1963 to 1986. In many of those years, the team was treated to a night at the Cedar Rapids minor league ballpark. At the end of the season, they were invited to a club meeting for ice cream. The amount expended on entry fees was \$2,665.

American Field Service (AFS)

The Marion Kiwanis was involved in sponsoring a foreign exchange student in the Marion High School from 1956 to 1979. After the first 2-3 years, the sponsorship was done jointly with the Marion Lions Club. The expenditure during that period was about \$10,000.

Project Goldfinch

The Iowa State Historical Society publishes a historical magazine for younger readers called the Goldfinch, named after the state bird of Iowa. For six years, 1989 through 1994, the Club provided multiple subscriptions for the benefit of 5th and 6th graders at Novak and Vernon Middle Schools. Total cost to the club was \$1,320.

Support of Youth Organizations

Support of youth organizations was started when Ernie

Hamm was Marion Kiwanis president in 1952, and continues to the present.

Harry Robson, a Boy Scout executive, led this activity which provided assistance to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, YMCA, Y Camp, Camp Good Health/Camp Tanager and Camp Courageous.

In recent years the YWCA programs have been supported. These include Children's Programs, Critical Services and Madge Phillips Center and Domestic Violence Center.

Contributions to these projects exceeded \$5,000.

Another long-standing project was in child health. Working with school nurses and Social Services, the club provided dental, eye, ear and other medical care to needy youngsters. The Kiwanis also provided transportation and aid to severely handicapped children.

Herb Harvord was in charge of this work for years and did an admirable job. \$2,800 was expended in this work.

Miscellaneous Contributions

- May 68, Charles City tornado disaster fund, \$50
- Sept. 68, Purchase books for Marion Library, \$30
- July 70, Marion Park Board, \$50
- July 70, U.C.S. Youth Crisis Center/Foundation II, \$200
- Feb. 72, Marion Library, copy machine, \$60
- May 72, Marion Library, book covers, \$40
- Mar. 73, Guy Heckle Fund, \$25
- Jan. 75, Fellowship Christian Athletes, \$25
- Oct. 75, Purchase 10-speed bike for youth, \$82
- Feb. 76, Christian Church Vietnamese Fund, \$25
- July 76, Marion Historical Museum, \$335
- Apr. 78, Council on Aging, \$50
- Oct. 78, Purchase Band Uniform, \$50
- Jan. 79, Donation Lisa Dorff heart transplant fund, \$25
- Feb. 79, Kidney Foundation, \$17
- Aug. 79, Algona/Manson tornado fund, \$50
- Nov. 79, Gideon Bible Society, \$50
- Dec. 82, Donation Linn-Mar

Counselors (Special Projects) \$100

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Feb. 85, Coffee urn for Community Center, \$85

Nov. 85, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, \$100

Jan. 86, Donation to Marion family lost home due to fire, \$100

Apr. 88, Donation Area 10 student loan fund, \$1,000

Apr. 88, Depot Pride, \$350

June 88, Help send Marion City Band to Austria, \$180

Dec. 88, Hurricane Gilbert, \$50

Nov. 90, Adopt-A-Tree program, \$57

Marc. 91, Linn-Mar parent-to-parent program, \$75

Aug. 91, Linn Haven wheel chair ramp, \$250

Mar. 92, Marion City Tree Program, \$75

Sept. 92, Linn County Prevention Child Abuse, \$100

Oct. 92, South Florida Relief, Red Cross, \$50

Jan. 93, Food donation to Marion Pantry, \$190

Aug. 93, Flood relief, Des Moines area, \$100

Apr. 94, Medical supplies to St. Petersburg, Russia, \$350

Sept. 94, Ruth Mills Marion Library Fund, \$250

June 95, Marion High School Foundation (connect to state-wide Fibre optic network), \$1,000

July 96, Brennan Teasdahl Fund (six-year-old cancer patient), \$250

July 97, Sponsored seven pairs Big Brothers/Big Sisters on charter bus trip to Cards/Cubs baseball game, \$327

Feb. 98, Marion PD Drug police dog, \$100

May 98, Collected 1000 food items plus \$100 for Marion Food Pantry, \$600 (est.)

Jan. 99, Cedar Rapids Riverside State Park, \$200

Since 1980 Contributions to Kiwanis Intl. Foundation, \$695

Contributions to Nebr.-IA.. District Foundation, \$627

Total Misc. contributions, \$8,625

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