

**KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
REPORT TO EC&C CONVENTION
Kingston Jamaica August 2007**

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada has been providing financial aid in the form of scholarships to young persons and disaster relief across Canada for over thirty-three years. On behalf of Foundation President George Harvey it is my pleasure to report to you today on the activities of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada during the past year.

The Foundation serves three Kiwanis Districts, the Canadian portion of the EC&C District, Western Canada District and the Canadian portion of the Pacific Northwest District. The Board of Directors comprises of representatives from these districts but the Foundation is an independent corporation and not a District Foundation. EC&C is represented by four of the nine directors on the Board one from the Maritimes, one from Quebec and two from Ontario.

Each year the Board of Directors analyses the Foundation programs for effectiveness and may change them to suit the times. New programs such as Books for Kids are also added from time to time.

PROGRAMS

- (a) **Matching -Scholarship Program** –Kiwanis Clubs can encourage the pursuit of education by providing scholarships to assist students going on to post-secondary education. Up to \$500 per scholarship is available.
- (b) **New Club Building Grant** - In staying with the growth plan of Kiwanis International in all Districts this fund encourages the building of new Kiwanis Clubs, Service Leadership and AKtion Clubs in Canada. Up to \$500 is available to any Kiwanis Club in Canada.
- (c) **Mel Osborne Scholarship** – The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for members of a K family club going on to higher education. Up to \$500 per scholarship is available.
- (d) **Books For Kids** – The purpose is to leverage club donations to provide school books in local communities. Books for Kids will match your Club's donation.
- (e) **Disaster relief** – The purpose of this fund is to provide immediate funds, through the local Kiwanis Club, to communities that have suffered from a natural disaster.

AWARDS

- (a) **Membership Growth Award** - to provide recognition to any Club in Canada that achieves a 20% Growth in membership in an administrative year.
- (b) **Mel Osborne Fellowship** – the highest award a Kiwanis Club can present to a Kiwanis member or citizen of the Kiwanis Club's community. This award is available in several levels of recognition.
- (c) **Kiwanis International Foundation awards and programs** - All Kiwanis International Foundation awards and programs are available from the Canadian Foundation. This includes Kiwanis International Hixson Fellow. The highest Kiwanis International award a Kiwanis club can present to a Kiwanis Member or citizen of the Kiwanis Club's community.

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This is available in several levels of recognition. The funds are received by the Canadian Foundation and remain in Canada with recognition coming from Kiwanis International Foundation.

COMMUNICATION

The Foundation communicates to the Kiwanis Clubs using many forms. Some are shown below.

- (1) **Website** www.KFCDN.org
- (2) **Newsletter** mailed to each Kiwanis member
- (3) **Periodic direct communication** at conventions and Club Meetings
- (4) **Ambassador Program**, each Division has a Foundation Ambassador.

FINANCIAL

The Financial Statements for the Foundation are posted on the web.

In 2006 the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada provided:

\$ 34,300 in matching Scholarships
\$ 3,500 in Mel Osborne Scholarships
\$ 3,750 in New Club Grants
\$ 22,000 in Books for Kids grants

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada collected funds from the Kiwanis Clubs for the following programs.

\$9,200 for IDD
\$80,450 for Books for Kids
\$ 6,900 for SCAW and other charities

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this Convention with this brief summary of The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada activities. The Board welcomes your input, suggestions, comments and recommendations. Please visit our website on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Steele (DLG)
Director, Kiwanis Foundation of Canada

THE KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Mission

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada was established in 1971 for the purpose of promoting Kiwanis and Kiwanis projects in Canada. It is a registered charity, dependent upon Kiwanis members and clubs for financial support, and dedicated to extending a helping hand to our youth, the disadvantaged and to assist in times of natural disaster.

Programs

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada has established the following programs to meet its mission:

- ✚ **Matching Scholarships** – providing matching funds allowing Kiwanis Clubs in Canada to provide scholarships to assist young people in furthering their education.
- ✚ **Youth Scholarships** – providing \$500 scholarships for youth in a Kiwanis' Service Leadership Program.
- ✚ **New Club Building** – providing up to \$500 to assist in the startup costs of new Kiwanis Clubs and new Service Leadership Clubs.
- ✚ **Membership growth awards** - recognizing Kiwanis Clubs that have achieved growth of 20% or more in the previous year.
- ✚ **Leadership Award** – the Glen Bagnell award is presented to the Lt. Governor who has the greatest number of clubs achieving growth in a year.
- ✚ **Disaster relief** – providing a source of funds to assist when a disaster strikes a community serviced by a Kiwanis Club.

Governance

The Foundation is a Canadian incorporated charity governed by nine directors who must be members of a Kiwanis club in Canada. The directors serve two three-year terms and are selected based on two from the Pacific Northwest District, two from the Western Canada District and four from the EC&C District (Canada). The immediate past president is the ninth director. When there is a Board vacancy, the Foundation Board identifies qualified candidates willing to fill the vacancy. The Governor, of the appropriate district, approves the identified candidate. The directors are volunteers; they receive no remuneration and only partial expenses.

Reporting

As a registered charity, the Foundation has a responsibility to file annual financial and operating reports with the Federal Government. In addition, the Foundation produces an annual newsletter, which is sent to every Kiwanis member in Canada. Periodic reporting is made to Club Presidents and Secretaries and an Ambassador for each Division has been recruited to promote the mission and programs of the Foundation. A written and verbal report is made to each District at their annual convention. The Foundation Website www.KFCDN.org is an additional communication vehicle. Audited financial documents are posted as public information however, meeting minutes, policy & procedures and other Foundation information is not public information but is made available to interested Kiwanis members upon request. A full set of information on Foundation Programs is available for download from this site. Brochures are available from an Ambassador or the Foundation office as well.

Meetings & Membership

The Foundation Board meets twice a year, usually in the spring and the fall. The location is chosen by the Board and rotates from District to District. When possible the Board meets in conjunction with other events the Directors may be attending such as the International Convention. The Foundation's annual meeting is held in the spring, just prior to the regular

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board meeting. Although the by-laws allow for membership in the Foundation, as set out in the Corporations Act, the logistics of a Canada-wide Foundation has limited the membership to the directors who represent the Kiwanis members in each District.

Relationship with Kiwanis International Foundation

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada and the *Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF)* signed an agreement in 2000 that recognized that funds donated to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada for specific Kiwanis International Foundation projects would receive full KIF recognition with the funds remaining in Canada for projects approved by KIF. This is a reciprocal agreement so that funds donated to KIF for a specific Canadian Foundation project are processed in the same manner. Each organization then issues the appropriate tax receipts.