

Kiwanis

Club of Grand Cayman

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Sponsored Youth

Youth Service Clubs

The club supports 'Key Clubs' at John Gray, Triple C, St. Ignatius, Cayman Prep, and Clifton Hunter high schools. A Key Club is basically a Kiwanis Club for high school students. The club also sponsors a Builders Club for younger children at St Ignatius. Each club is overseen by a Kiwanian and one staff faculty advisor. Both Clubs have their own projects for the school and the community and they assist with our club's projects. Our sponsorship includes providing the Key Clubbers the opportunity to attend the annual convention in Orlando. Our club also financially sponsors the training from Kiwanis International in the USA for the Cayman Islands Lieutenant Governor. The club also supports two Circle 'K' clubs, one at St. Matthews University and the other at UCCI.

Kiwanis International and UNICEFF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. To eliminate MNT vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, and thousands of skilled staff and more are required, which will take US\$110 million and the dedicated work of UNICEF and the Kiwanis family. Recently the Key Clubs here in Cayman raised over \$3,000, an exceptional accomplishment from their well executed fundraiser.

Key Clubs and Circle 'K' members are the professionals of tomorrow and we have a significant role to play in the development of their leadership and team skills.

Our club funds over \$16,000 every year assisting these clubs.

Youth Services

Key Leader Weekend will conduct its sixth event this October 2012, which provides teens (14 to 18), an opportunity to participate in an event that helps to develop the skills necessary to prepare for college, social life, leadership and the workforce.

Over the weekend-long event a programme is followed and facilitated by highly experienced facilitators. The sponsorship funds and fees cover the cost of bringing the facilitators to Grand Cayman as well as programme materials, food, refreshments and other essentials for this event. Volunteers from the club organize the event, assist the facilitators, and provide supervision 24/7. To date Kiwanis International has trained 4 of our Kiwanians from the Grand Cayman Club to be facilitators. The programme is limited to 75 students per weekend and the approximate cost for one weekend event is just over \$10,000.

The Key Leader programme has now been held in a number of countries around the world including USA, Canada, and Brazil. Our annual follow up is proof this programme is successful and the club will continue to execute it.

These young people are tomorrow's valued future professionals.

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Community Service

Buy a Kid Breakfast provides a breakfast to those children in need. Through community donations collected by Kiwanians the club raises funds to pay for those little ones in primary school whose families cannot afford regular meals and as a result children come to school without breakfast. The Club works with the school principal making sure that every child goes into the classroom after a nutritious breakfast. At the start of a school term the principal will let us know how much they need, which varies from \$200 to \$1500 per school per term. We are currently helping 5 primary schools. The theme of BAKB is, *Hungry Kids Don't Learn*.

Book Mobile is a library on wheels which is part of a worldwide project. After a year of fundraising the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman purchased a trailer in 2009, which they transformed into a mobile library. A group of Kiwanians visit George Town primary school every other Saturday offering books to borrow, as well as one-on-one and group reading. The idea is to stimulate a child's interest in books, reading, and the imagination, at a very young age so that the child develops good reading habits. This project is always looking for new books and the club maintains the expenses required to operate the trailer and the vehicle that pulls the trailer. The club has invested over \$17,000 into the Mobile Library and the average annual cost is approximately \$3,000.

Bringing up the Grades Programme (BUG) is a unique programme that we implemented at First Baptist Elementary School (5-12). The programme helps increase confidence in children by motivating students to higher academic attainments by rewarding children for their improvements. The funds are put towards providing school supplies and each term a 'BUG' certificate and T-shirt (with sponsor's logos) are presented at a small ceremony at the school. The recognition drives the students to continue improving and doing their best, which develops a healthy attitude about learning.

This programme has been in place for over 5 years and has proven to be very successful but funds have not allowed the club to expand this to other schools. The cost per year to implement this program is approximately \$1,200 to \$2,000 per year depending on student capacity of the school.

Santa Clause Landing has been an annual Kiwanis event for over 30 years. It is held at the airport park and has attracted up to 1,000 children over the years. The club works with community sponsors to put on this event and offer drinks and snacks at the park which is set up with various games and activities for the children. Every child receives a gift from Santa. This event is truly the start of the Christmas season and the spirit of giving in the Cayman Islands.

The cost to put on this event runs between \$5,000 and \$6,000 but over the last few years the funds raised have not been enough to cover the expenses.

A new programme the Kiwanis Club would like to introduce is providing supplies such as book bags, pens, pencils, books, paper etc. to needy students. This programme will help the families who struggle financially. We are currently conducting research on estimated cost to service the children in need.

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Fund-Raising

Through signature events such as **KiwaniBIKE**, a 20-mile sponsored bike ride, **Buy A Kid Breakfast** collection programmes each term at the five major supermarkets, and the **KiwaniGOLF Tournament**, we raise funds for distribution back into the community through our committees. Kiwanis is noted for innovation in fund-raising with ideas such as the sale of **Light up Santa Hats** and **Reindeer Car kits** at Christmas, and the distribution of **Colour Me Cayman** - an educational colouring book, along with many one-off fundraisers.

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman wants to offer more to the Children of the community, but we need additional support from our corporate community.

More information about Kiwanis International, club history, past events, fundraisers etc. may be viewed on our website: www.kiwanis.ky.

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