



A Guide to...

Building Kiwanis Family Relations

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Why should YOU build strong Kiwanis Family relations?

1. Sponsorships

Kiwanis Clubs are our biggest supporters for events like Fall Rally, Key Leader, DCON/ICON, and training conferences. By providing financial aid to subsidize event costs and member tickets, events become more accessible to all Key Clubbers!

2. College & Beyond

The older branches in the K-Fam are extremely kind and knowledgeable! Not only can they provide advice for your college endeavors, but their nuanced take on life can help guide you in the right direction. Scholarships are often abundantly available, and Circle K is an amazing resource for college apps assistance.

3. Mentoring

Mentoring is a significant benefit to having strong K-Fam relations. You can take advantage of an opportunity to become or have a mentor from another branch.

Oftentimes, you will end up learning a lot from our younger branches, and vice versa.

K-Kids

The youngest of the Kiwanis Family is K-Kids, which stands for Kiwanis Kids! K-Kids offers youngsters from around 6-11 years old the opportunity to participate in community service.

“Young Leaders Helping Others” is their motto.

Reminders

- These are younger children so please be understanding and patient
- Be a role model for them. Try to reach out to ask if they need help for training or finding local service ideas that are appropriate for their age range
- Support them by joining or helping promote their events

Project Ideas

- Writing cards for veterans, senior citizens, healthcare workers, etc.
- Easter Egg hunt at a local park to bring families together on a shared holiday
- Making friendship bracelets with notes for loved ones, friends, or strangers
- Finger painting turkeys for a Thanksgiving-themed event
- Getting together teams of K-Kids to participate in a scavenger hunt around a school, park, library, etc.

Builders Club

Middle school students who seek to make an impact in their community make up Builders Club! Founded in 1975, Builders Club consistently collaborates with their sponsoring Kiwanis and Key Clubs to enhance their local communities.

Reminders

- Be supportive, cooperative, and act as a mentor! Many members are new to leadership and service
- See if you can host a takeover at a meeting or provide sponsorship
- Host joint events
- Help promote different Kiwanis Family branches
- Invite them to your Key Club meetings

Project Ideas

- Christmas Caroling at senior citizen homes, hospital lobby rooms, or schools
- Selling popsicles to students after school on a hot day, or hot chocolate on a colder day
- Offering to help the custodial crew clean up each classroom and collecting trash/recycling
- Trick or Treating coin collecting to help the Zambia Project
- Afterschool reading to Kindergarteners



Key Club

Key Club International is the largest community service organization worldwide and the high school branch of the Kiwanis family. Their basic values—leadership, character building, caring, and inclusiveness—are well-known.

Service



Fundraising

- Make lucky stars with kind notes to deliver to hospitalized children
- Host a school clean-up project after a sports game to help get rid of trash
- Gather a group of musically talented volunteers to perform at senior homes
- Volunteer at senior “tech” days to help seniors navigate their electronic devices
- Help at a local animal shelter by playing with animals and cleaning their cages
- Organize a karaoke event combined with service

- Sell material to make paracord bracelets for the military through Operation Gratitude
- Organize a drive to collect old AP prep books for donation
- Collect old clothes, toys, cans of food, or hygiene supplies for those in need
- Make and sell smores as an afterschool fundraiser
- Gather clothes and resell them at a school-affiliated thrifting event to repurpose
- Organize a beach clean-up/volleyball tournament game and charge for bus transportation

KIWIN'S

The 32nd District of Key Club International, CNH KIWIN's, is made up of more than 44 clubs and over 2,500 high schoolers. Originally established to offer volunteer opportunities for females as a counterpart to Key Club, students of any demographic are now welcome at both KIWIN's and Key Club.

Service



Fundraising

- Going around the neighborhood to collect recyclable materials (ex. old chargers, soda cans, metal tabs, etc.)
- Volunteering at a local 5K, 10K, or marathon to pass out water, snacks, medals, and cheer on the runners!
- Organize a Jared Box project to deliver age-based activity boxes for hospitalized youth
- Crochet hats and blankets to donate to a homeless shelter

- Gather a certain number of volunteers for a Turkey-Day-Trot or similar Thanksgiving event to receive a bonus for your club
- Organize a movie night among several clubs and sell snacks
- Make gift baskets with items like plushies, gift cards, and snacks and auction them off at an event
- Bake goods as a club to sell

While KIWIN's is a separate branch, many project ideas can be used for both!

Circle K

Circle K International is the Kiwanis Family's college division. They were first formed in 1947 and are still offering a variety of opportunities on college campuses.

Reminders

- Treat Circle K as mentors and advisors because of their experience
- Plan Key to College seminars or workshops to help high school seniors and juniors navigate their post-high school life
- Host a scholarship webinar
- Inform them of events and request information on public events led by Circle K

Project Ideas

- Organize a social for incoming freshmen joining Circle K to get to know the rest of the club
- Provide mentoring opportunities for younger branches to learn about the experience of being in college and completing applications
- Become an official volunteer at animal shelters to handle more difficult tasks
- Participate in or create tutoring programs for younger branches of the Kiwanis Family

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Circle K International

Aktion Club

Aktion Club is the only international community service organization for adults with disabilities. True to the core of the K-Family, this club boasts inclusiveness, regardless of ability. Chartered in 1987, Aktion Club members service their communities with great passion.

Service

- Organize a group activity with other K-family branches to create scrapbooks with pictures of service projects and fundraisers
- Host an open painting night at a library or park to bond with other members of the community
- Play online board games (ex. board game arena that offers a large selection for all interests) to play on Saturday nights with Aktion club friends

Fundraising

- Sell origami paper and a lesson to students
- Offer to be a guest speaker at a Key Club or KIWIN's training conference to speak about topics such as inclusivity, honesty, etc.
- Host a walk-a-thon for adults, where people gather to get physical exercise together
- Promote an initiative to grow plants at home using provided seeds, and sell them at a local park or botanic garden on Earth Day

Kiwanis International

Kiwanis International is a global organization with members who are committed to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. They are active sponsors of other K-Fam branches with over 86,000 clubs in 96 countries.

Kiwanis Takeover Project Ideas

- Introduce the Key Club officer board to the Kiwanis Club, and establish the foundation of a lasting relationship
- Become a greater presence in the Kiwanis club to participate in a mutually beneficial relationship
- Show the Kiwanis Key Club traditions like icebreakers or fun games
- Gain experience presenting in front of older crowds

- Happy/Sad dollars to share life updates individually, and donate funds to the club
- Host a triathlon with other branches of the K-Fam
- Invite local Key Clubbers to join meetings and speak
- Reach out to guest speakers to increase audience engagement
- Use Charity Miles and get a group of morning walkers together to bond
- Offer to serve pancakes a breakfast at a local school event



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Personal Testimony

Key Club has not always been a part of my life, but ever since I discovered and began my path in this club, I have discovered that it is something that brings me immense joy. The relationships formed, the events planned and attended, the skills developed and grown, and the community and people that have been served all show what Key Club means to me and so many others. In this continuous journey, the Kiwanis Family has played a huge role in providing mentorship, friendship, support, and so much more. Each branch is different but at the end of the day, we all do what we do for the same purpose and through these end goals, we can bond and help one another. I have the entire Kiwanis Family to thank for providing me with an amazing Key Club journey.