

Kiwanis One Day Project

By Larry Chambers, Public Relations Co-Chair, Capital City Kiwanis Club

Capital City Kiwanis Club of Tallahassee participated in the nation-wide Kiwanis One Day Project by taking two underprivileged children from homeless families living in temporary housing to their first trip to the circus. The Florida State University Flying High Circus opened its annual two week show during the weekend of April 3rd-5th. On April 4th, little Emily Cox, age 8, and Mercedes Jenkins, age 12, joined Kiwanians Rose Patterson, Jenna Simms, Fred Williams, and Marcy Waller (and her two daughters Emily and Kirstie) for a day of fun with the student performers on the high wire. Capital City Kiwanis provides a variety of support for Bethany Apartments families. Every August the club helps school aged children at Bethany prepare for school by providing Back-to-School backpacks with school supplies. The club, with help from the local Moose Lodge, also provides Christmas presents for the children and a dinner with their families and Santa. At Easter, club members put on an egg hunt and games and provide Easter baskets for all of the children at Bethany. Throughout the year the club also provides clothing, kitchen utensils, and other support for the families in the housing facility. Taking the children to the FSU Circus has become another annual program to provide fun for the children at Bethany.



L-R, Jenna Simms, Mercedes Jenkins, Rose Patterson, Emily Cox, Marcy Waller. Marcy's daughters Emily and Kirstie are behind Rose.



L-R, Emily Cox and Mercedes Jenkins with the FSU "Stilt Lady."



Kiwanis Club Of Jupiter-Tequesta 4.4.09 - "Kiwanis One Day"

By Bob Horowitz, Immediate Past President, Kiwanis Club of Jupiter-Tequesta

Kiwanis Clubs throughout the world can be found doing service projects for their communities throughout the entire year. Most projects involve children, which keeps with Kiwanis' motto "Young Children Priority One". On this special day each year Kiwanis Clubs around the world (in all 96 countries where Kiwanis exists) pick a day to perform a service project in their community. This equates to tens of thousands of clubs all doing something for those in need, all on the same day.

This is the third year for this world service project and the third year that the Jupiter - Tequesta Kiwanis Club has painted a house for a family in need. This is also the third year in which (Kiwanian) Dr. Steve Pullon has brought to the club's attention, a deserving family. This year's recipient was a single mother with seven children. Several days prior, the house was pressure washed and prepped for painting. Paint and supplies were purchased by the Kiwanis Club and also donated by Porter Paints of Jupiter. At 8:00 AM Kiwanians, Boy Scouts from Troup 774 and Cub Scouts from Pack 774, arrived dressed for the job ahead.

With Cub and Boy Scouts painting everything within their reach and the Kiwanians doing the ladder work, the entire house was completely painted by 12:00 PM. The gratification of participating in this project was a reward in itself, but knowing you were part of a worldwide project, made the day very special. For more information about how you can help in your community or about Kiwanis, please call Bob Horowitz at (561) 744-6098.



Kiwanis Club of Hallandale Beach Continues its tradition of delivering over 200 dictionaries to the fourth graders at Hallandale Elementary School

By Stephen P. Cummings The South Florida Sun Times Thursday, March 26, 2009

Hallandale Beach has become a 'melting pot', meshing numerous cultures within its small city limits.

The Kiwanis Club of Hallandale Beach continued its annual tradition of delivering over 200 dictionaries to the fourth graders attending Hallandale Elementary School including editions that were Spanish-English and Creole-English, meeting the needs of its diverse student body, but Principal Ludwig informed our group that nineteen different dialects were spoken among the children who are enrolled.

Mr. Chase teaches a fourth grade class with a significant number of students who speak a language other than English. He points out that his classroom has children speaking Spanish, Creole, French, German, Russian, Romanian, Hungarian and even Urdu (a language spoken in the country of Pakistan).

Gonzalo Duque also instructs fourth grade students and reports that seven of his 22 children speak a language other than English.

Kiwanis Club secretary, Alex Lewy, who was narrowly defeated in his bid to become a Hallandale Beach Commissioner, is bilingual in Spanish and English. Alex began speaking Spanish to a demure young girl in the classroom who received the Spanish-English edition, and this shy student became quite

loquacious communicating in her native tongue.

The dictionary project was an initiative begun by Past Florida Kiwanis District Governor Phil Yorston during 2006-2007 and was so well received by schools throughout the state of Florida that many Kiwanis Clubs continue to fill this need each year.

Governor Yorston is quick to point out that a personal dictionary may be the only book that many students claim is truly theirs and not shared by their siblings.

By the overwhelming enthusiastic reception from the students and teachers at Hallandale Elementary School, the Kiwanis Club of Hallandale Beach looks forward to supplying the students for many years

with their personal dictionaries.

Many thanks to Past Club President Becky Wright for coordinating this project with Hallandale Beach SRO (School Resource Officer) Mike English from the Hallandale Beach Police Department.

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The 4th grade class are proud owners of new dictionaries



Past President Becky Wright shares a special moment with an appreciative student

Hats & Hugs

By Sonjia Strong, Co-chair, Hats and Hugs Committee

On February 16, the Kiwanis Club of Central Broward in partnership with members of Dr. Reitman Boys and Girls club of Ft. Lauderdale, visited young patients at the Chris Evert Hospital Cancer Unit at Broward General Medical Center. The club members gave smiles, hugs, stuffed animals with their "hats and hugs" tags, and hats to young cancer patients. Other patients who were unable to assemble in the activity room, where there were balloons, music and light refreshments, were treated to special face paintings by the girls from the Boys and Girls Club. It was most rewarding to see the joy expressed by many of the patients in the unit when receiving the gifts. This visit provided members of our group the opportunity to honor the legacy of Nancy Liddell, the late wife of our District Governor, Dave Liddell.

