



Take Us For Grantsed!

NO WAIT! There's no misprint in this article's title. Our Editor Valerie is too sharp not to catch and correct errors. It is what it says, "Take Us for Grantsed." Yes, for Grantsed. NO! NO! Please don't take us for Granted. We feel the Florida Kiwanis Foundation works ver-y hard for your respect and support. Just take us for Grantsed. Why you ask? 'Cause we've got Grants. GRANTS are us. Let us GRANT your Club or Division funds for a worthy project.

I know, I know. Your club members want to run when they see your Division Foundation Trustee coming. They know the request for money to support the Foundation is coming. Yes, we do ask for your financial support, but in return we are committed to providing funds back to Clubs in the form of a grant.

The Foundation has two grant cycles a year with application deadlines of December 31st and June 30th. Grants should be requested to assist a Club or Division with a project that contributes to the achievement of the Objects of Kiwanis International, specifically, a project that enhances the lives of young children and youth in their community. Grants should be requested for capital or equipment items, defined as items that are relatively permanent that will remain in place for three to ten years. Due to limited financial resources and the goal of supporting many worthy projects, grant awards generally do not exceed ten thousands dollars.

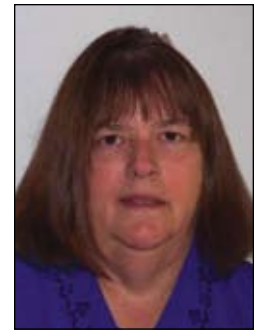
With the funding limitations by the Foundation we suggest that the grant funds be used to supplement funds or other resources secured by the Club or Division submitting the grant application. All funds and in-kind contributions must be included in the total budget for the project.

And yes, you must complete and submit the application which can be obtained from your Foundation Trustee or the Foundation's website. I encourage you to allow sufficient time to prepare your application. Your Division Foundation Trustee will be delighted to assist you during the process.

The Foundation Board of Trustees does consider in its review and deliberations of grant applications the extent of which the Club or Division and individual members have recently supported the Foundation's giving programs such as the Annual Support Contribution, Caring Corner Support gifts, Sustaining Memberships, Memorial Gifts and Ralph Davis Fellows.

Who are some of the Clubs/Divisions that have taken us for GRANTSSED? Gulf Beaches for the Miracle League Baseball Park, Jensen Beach for a Kiwanis Children's Playground, Palm Beach for an Immunization Van, Deerfield Beach for Equipment for Horses for the Handicapped, Spring Hill for Children's Library Literacy Program and Division 11 for a class C motor home for the Crosswinds Youth Services Outreach Project.

So come on. The Foundation awaits your grant application which I promise will not be "taken for granted."



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