



# Kiwanis<sup>®</sup> Club of Asheville

## Events and Programs 2023-24

**Founded in 1919, the Kiwanis Club of Asheville has worked to improve the lives of children, and those in need, in our community through hundreds of projects and partnerships throughout Western North Carolina.**

### **Outdoor Experiences**

The Kiwanis Club partners with local shelters and school social workers to identify children and families who might benefit from “experiences” around Asheville. The past 2 years we have invited over 60 children and their caregivers to the Nature Center for a personal guided group tour and Chic-Fil-A lunch. We also took mothers and children from Transformation Village to see the lights at the Arboretum at Christmas. With these events the Kiwanis Club of Asheville hopes to provide a memorable outdoor experience for children, fostering their connection with nature and encouraging their personal growth.

### **Kiwanis Adopt a School Program**



For the past four years we have adopted Johnston Elementary, a low income school in the county. We provide funding for items the school may need for the students and teachers, help with teacher appreciation, special events and reward programs such as a dance party, bowling, movies, big toy day and more. There are also many volunteer opportunities from helping in a classroom, helping sort books in the library to weeding their school garden.

### **Bike Giveaway**



We give Johnston Elementary School 1 bike each nine weeks to use as an attendance incentive. We have also given 1 bike to Jones Elementary in the past for perfect attendance. In 2020-21, Kiwanis received a \$500 grant from New Belgium which helped us reach even more children in the community. We also recently received a grant of 100 helmets from NCDOT which were given to all 3rd and 4th graders at Johnston after they completed a bicycle safety class.

### **Key Club Scholarships**



College scholarships are given out to high school students who are actively serving in one of our three Key Clubs at Enka, Reynolds and Erwin High School. We factor in hours of service with both Key Club and the Kiwanis Club as well as general academic achievements. We support inspiring students to learn the importance of service in our community and help them embrace opportunities for leadership in their schools.

## Kiwanis Book Giveaway



This is possible thanks to our national partnership with Scholastic Books that gives us an incredible discount. Books are given out at schools, community events, local shelters and community partners.

## Sleep Tight Kids



Sleep Tight Kids provides night-time related items to children who are experiencing trauma or displacement. The goal of this non profit is to alleviate the fear associated with negative situations and install a sense of safety and hope as they lay their heads to sleep each night.

## Transformation Village Women and Children's Shelter



Our club gave Transformation Village a total of \$85,000 which has helped to double the beds for women and children, and also built a playground for preschool children. We also provide and serve dinner to the women and children at the shelter once a quarter.

## Eblen Charities St. Nicholas Toy Store



Each Christmas season, Kiwanis furnishes volunteers, toys, and funds to help local families in need provide gifts to make the holidays memorable for their children.

## Kiwanis Biltmore Classic 15k/5K and Biltmore Forest 10 K



The Kiwanis Club is honored to be a part of the rich history of one of Asheville's biggest treasures, The Biltmore House. The Kiwanis Biltmore Classic has been running on the estate for the last 24 years. This is our biggest fundraiser each year. We also began the Biltmore Forest 10K in 2022. We invite you to become a sponsor and help us raise the needed funds to continue our charitable work in Buncombe County.

## Questions?

Want to learn more about what we are doing and join us? Attend a Meeting! 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 12n-1:30pm (or on Zoom-contact us for the link), WCU campus in Biltmore Park, 28 Schenk Parkway, 3rd floor. All Guests Welcome!

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