

An Overview of the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation

The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation is a non-profit corporation governed by the provisions of the State of California. It is classified as a 501(c)(3) Corporation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. This permits the foundation to receive tax-deductible contributions. The Board of Directors consists of 23 members who meet a minimum of 4 times per year to conduct its business. There are many committees which work diligently throughout the year. A candidate for membership on the Board must be a past district officer. After a thorough interview process, selection is made by the Foundation Board of Directors and confirmed by the Kiwanis District Board of Trustees.

In recent years, the Endowment (or permanently restricted fund) has experienced significant growth. In 1992, the endowment was valued at \$493,000.00. Currently, it is valued at over \$1,925,000.00. This growth is due in large part to increased club participation, donors to the William A. Dunlap Fellowship and the very generous donation of Les McElwain, past member of the Kiwanis Club of Oakland. These funds are administered by a registered investment firm and are reviewed at each meeting of the Board.

Three committees that most affect clubs and their communities are the Club Grant, Pediatric Trauma Prevention and SOAP Scholarship committees. Last year, over \$42,000.00 was granted to clubs. These funds assisted with new club service projects, Pediatric Trauma Prevention projects and helped provide shelter to homeless children throughout the Cal-Nev-Ha District. In addition to this assistance to our clubs, the Foundation funded over \$100,000.00 in scholarships to our Circle K, Key Club and KIWIN'S organizations.

Programs of the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation

Century Club - Individuals or clubs may become members of the Century Club by supporting the SOAP Scholarship Fund with a minimum \$100.00 gift to the Foundation. The donor initially receives a plaque, and a year tab is added each year the gift is renewed.

Distinguished Service Award (DSA) - This district award is presented to an individual in appreciation for "many hours of service to Kiwanis and the community." A donation of \$150.00 (which may come from a club's service account) provides a beautiful plaque and deserved recognition for the recipient. The Governor normally presents this award to a club member during the Official Visit to the division. DSAs are an important segment of the Official Visit. We suggest presidents write short introductions to be read upon presentation. To ensure timely delivery of the award, please allow 14 business days for processing.

- ***Recognition*** - Lt. Governors and Ambassadors will be recognized at the district convention if they have achieved 100% club participation in the Distinguished Service Award Program.

Founder's Day - The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation requests participation in their annual fundraising effort. Monies received go into the Foundation unrestricted funds. A \$3.00 per member donation (\$150.00 maximum) is welcomed and encouraged. A banner patch is awarded, based on October 1st membership.

Hope of America Award (HOA) - Clubs may purchase plaques from the Foundation for presentation at any time. The HOA is ideal for presentations to SOAP members, or any student your club would like to recognize for outstanding achievement. The cost is \$30.00 per plaque, plus shipping and handling. The club is responsible for the engraving of the recipient's name.

Legacy Fellowship - This is a program supported by Kiwanians who have made a provision in their will or trust to assist the work of the Foundation through bequests. The amount of the bequest does not need to be disclosed; however, a minimum of \$1000.00 is required.

Life Fellowship - The Life Fellowship award recognizes an individual's service to the club or community. Plaques may be ordered from the Foundation office for a \$100.00 donation to the Foundation. The recipient initially receives a plaque, and a year tab is added each year the gift is renewed.

Tablet of Honor - For a donation of \$500.00, a Tablet of Honor may be presented to a member or may be given as a memorial tribute. The Tablet of Honor is a prestigious award in that an individual cannot purchase the award for himself/herself; the award must be given to the individual. A plaque and lapel pin provided by the Foundation provides lasting recognition. In addition, an engraved nameplate is affixed to the Tablet of Honor Shield, which is permanently displayed in the Foundation office.

William A. Dunlap Fellowship - This Foundation Fellowship honors our Founder, Past Governor William A. Dunlap. Membership is initiated by donation of \$1,000.00, which entitles the recipient to a Dunlap plaque, medallion and lapel pin. Installment payments may be made over a four-year period at \$250.00 per year. Presentation may be made once the total amount is received. Clubs, divisions, or individuals may purchase a Dunlap to present to an individual. A donor may designate 50% of the net contribution to be directed to a current program of the Foundation, such as Pediatric Trauma Prevention, SOAP Scholarships or Unrestricted Funds (which the Board allocates depending on need). The balance of the gift is permanently restricted and only the interest is used to support the programs of the Foundation.

Grants offered by the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation

Achievement Award Grants - This grant is in recognition of the accomplishments of your club in carrying out the objects of Kiwanis and our slogan "Serving the Children of the World." Clubs are selected by a committee which grades the club "Annual Report." The fund from which these awards are made has its origin dating back to 1930 when clubs in the Santa Barbara area established a trust from which \$150.00 per year was awarded to the four winning clubs of the "Annual District Efficiency Contest." This \$150.00 award remained the same from 1930 until 1998. The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation now administers this fund and awards winning clubs in eight categories grants of \$500.00. In keeping with the original trust established by the Santa Barbara clubs, this grant is to be used to provide scholarships to students in the local area.

Club Grants - The Club Grant Program was established by the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation to assist Kiwanis clubs in financing club service projects on a start-up basis. To assist clubs in developing service projects, the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation makes available club grants for **new projects**, by providing **start-up funds**, up to **25% of the total project cost**, with a **maximum of \$1,500.00**. To ensure a maximum number of clubs will be able to participate in the program, the Foundation Board of Directors established the maximum amount of \$1,500.00.

Disaster Relief - The Disaster Assistance Project Grant Program was established by the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation to assist Kiwanians and their clubs in providing immediate disaster relief assistance in the event of a natural disaster. To assist clubs in this endeavor, the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation makes available club grants for **service projects**, up to **50% of the total project cost**, with a **maximum of \$500.00**.

Division Grants - The Division Grant Program was established by the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation to assist Kiwanis divisions in financing division-wide PTP service projects on a start-up basis. To assist divisions in developing PTP service projects, the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation makes available division grants for **new PTP service projects**, by providing **start-up funds**, up to **\$5,000.00**. The Foundation Board of Directors established a maximum to ensure a maximum number of divisions will be able to participate in the program.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) - The FCA grant program was established through a gift to the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation to support Kiwanis clubs in sponsoring underprivileged students attending FCA Summer Camp. To assist clubs in this endeavor, the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation makes available FCA grants, by providing **matching funds**, up to **50% of the enrollment cost**. Clubs wishing to sponsor more than one camper may request funding for additional campers; however, multiple requests will only be approved based on the availability of funds.

Hope 4 Kids Grants - The Hope 4 Kids Grant was established to make it possible for Kiwanians to provide aid to children and families that are living in shelters or who are (or are about to be) living on the streets. **Grant funds are to be applied towards housing costs only.** Grants may be considered for the following: 1) Families with minor children who are at risk for homelessness (i.e., families living in shelters or families living or about to be living on the streets) 2) A non-profit group addressing the housing needs of homeless

minor children, working with a *specific* family. To insure the maximum number of children are helped, grants are limited to an amount ranging from \$250 to a maximum of \$1500. Please refer to the grant application for more information.

Multi-Club Grants - Many times, the scope of a service project is too overwhelming for one club alone and often, clubs work together to sponsor a service project. The PTP Multi-Club Grant Program was established to allow clubs working together on one project to apply for grant funds. The Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation makes available Pediatric Trauma Prevention multi-club grants for **new PTP service projects**, by providing **start-up funds**, up to **\$5,000.00**. The Foundation Board of Directors established a maximum to ensure an optimum number of grants will be awarded each year.

Pediatric Trauma Prevention (PTP) Grants - As part of its primary focus, the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation established the Pediatric Trauma Prevention Grant Program to assist Kiwanis clubs in financing PTP service projects on a start-up basis. To assist clubs in developing such projects, the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation makes available PTP grants for **new projects**, by providing **matching start-up funds**, up to **\$2,000.00**. The Foundation Board of Directors established this maximum award to ensure an optimum number of clubs will be able to participate in the program.

Pediatric Trauma Prevention Grants for Sponsored Organizations - To assist sponsored organization clubs in developing PTP service projects, the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation makes available Pediatric Trauma Prevention grants for **new projects**, by providing **matching start-up funds**, up to **\$250.00**. The Foundation Board of Directors established a maximum to ensure an optimum number of sponsored organization clubs are able to participate in the program.

Annual Awards Offered by the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation

Bert Shoemaker Award - This award is presented at the district convention to an individual that exemplifies the spirit of Kiwanis. Nominations are solicited from the Kiwanis clubs of the Cal-Nev-Ha District.

Edward Solomon Award - This award is presented to a public servant for exceptional service to their community. The award is in memory of Ed Solomon, Past Lt. Governor of Division 8 and past mayor of the city of Napa. The winner must be a member of a community service organization, but it is not limited to Kiwanis.

Harold M. Heimbaugh Nathan Hale Award - This award is presented at the district convention to an individual that has been nominated by a club. The winner will have demonstrated an outstanding act of courage during the year, while not having done it during normal performance of their profession or occupation (law enforcement, public safety, etc.).

Kiwanis Family of the Year Award - The Kiwanis Family of the Year Award directs attention to the critical role of the family in our society. This award allows Kiwanis clubs to recognize within their division the outstanding Kiwanis Family. For each division recipient, the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation provides a plaque suitable for presentation at a division event.