

International Preferred Charities



Children's Miracle Network is a non profit organization that raises money for children that are hospitalized and raise awareness about them. Donations made by the Children's Miracle Network help with purchasing up-to-date equipment, training staff, conducting life-saving research, implementing outreach programs, and provide health care for children whose parents can't afford to pay. Over 170 hospitals across the country work with the Children's Miracle Network. Key Club has made the Children's Miracle Network one of its preferred charities since 1997. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District include Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha, University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City, and UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's in Sioux City. This year, considering holding fundraisers for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals near you.



Facing the ongoing problem of premature birth and its complications, the United States has managed to make a steady decrease in the rising numbers of babies born prematurely. This decline has saved thousands of babies from being born too soon and having to deal with future health problems. In order to give babies a future that isn't blocked out because of premature birth, Key Club has partnered with the March of Dimes organization in order to help make a difference in their lives. In the past, Key Club International members have been able to fundraise \$100,000 for the March of Dimes organization. With the same amount of generosity and service that Key Club International provided, we can continue to raise money to help prevent premature birth. Fundraisers for March of Dimes can include dances, coin wars and bake sales. Your club can also get involved in a local March for Dimes Walk to continue to support babies. Let's work together alongside the March of Dimes to make the world a better place.



The United Nations Children's Fund, also known as UNICEF, is committed to improving the nutrition, education, health and welfare of kids. It particularly helps kids in less-developed countries. UNICEF also aims to prevent and treat diseases in other countries. They are one of Key Clubs International Partners. A project we are working on with UNICEF is The Eliminate Project. It aims to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. Tetanus is a deadly and painful disease. They are trying to eliminate the disease in 18 countries. Key Club has been working with UNICEF and helping them raise funds and awareness. With the help of Key Club, this year they were able to eliminate MNT in Ethiopia.

International Service Partner



The Thirst Project is a nonprofit organization that aims to provide safe, clean water to everyone around the world by the year 2022. About 4,400 children under the age of five will die today from drinking dirty water. However, its movement, driven by high school and college student, builds freshwater wells in developing nation and communities fighting poverty to provide clean water. More than US\$6million have been raised in the United States throughout the past 5 years with the help of 300,000 student. With that money raised, more than 250,000 people in 11 countries have had access to clean, safe water. Key Club International has teamed up with the Thirst Project, the world's leading youth water-activism organization. Together, we share the belief that teenagers are the world's most powerful agents for social change. That's why we are taking action to end the global water crisis along with the Thirst Project! This year, consider participating in the Thirsty Thirty Project or raising money for the organization.

International Co-Sponsor

Rustic Pathways Rustic Pathways is an organization that builds opportunities for service all across the world. Key Club has partnered with Rustic Pathways to provide Key Clubbers with opportunities to take part in inspiring service programs around the world. Their mission is to empower students through innovative and responsible travel experiences that positively impact lives and communities around the world. With decades of experience and staff members all over the world, Rustic Pathways offer opportunities in 18 different countries. Travels vary from Australia to Morocco. This year Rustic Pathways is providing a free service trip to the Dominican Republic. If you like to travel check out the Rustic Pathways website today at: <https://rusticpathways.com/programs/countries/united-states/> and expand your service across the globe.

International Vision Partners



Worldwide Day of Play is an annual event designed to encourage children and parents to turn off the television and play, especially outdoors. The yearly event officially began on all US Nickelodeon channels: Nickelodeon, Nick Jr., TeenNick, and Nicktoons on October 1, 2005. The event is designed as a finale for Nick's six-month-long "Let's Just Play" campaign. In addition, Nick.com would also have special features for children to learn how to stay active and healthy. This year, the Worldwide Day of Play will take place on September 17th. The Nickelodeon HALO Awards is a TV special that airs on TeenNick every December. It profiles five ordinary teens who are Helping And Leading Others (HALO). It profiles four teens who are usually seniors in high school or who have just started college, who have sacrificed themselves to better the lives of others. The Big Help is a community outreach program made famous in 1994, by Nickelodeon. It was a yearly event in which kids from around the country would call in to try to get one of their local parks refurbished by Nickelodeon; the ten with the most votes would get remodeled by Nickelodeon in an eight-hour special. In 2008, a sequel emerged called The Big Green Help, which was created to get kids interested in global warming. In 2010, the name "The Big Help" was revived.



The Landscape Structures Inc. has been enhancing children's lives since the year 1971 by creating innovative playground equipment. The Kiwanis family and Landscape Structures work together to bring play and playgrounds to communities around the world. As part of the partnership, Landscape Structures will be the key partner in Kiwanis International's signature day of service- Kiwanis One Day. Your Key Club can have a huge impact on your local community by constructing a playground as one of your signature projects. See Kiwanis playgrounds and find a local representative at playlsi.com.



Did you know that the US Army is a Kiwanis International Vision Partner? March2Success is one service provided by the US Army that gives students free access to test prep materials and practice tests for the SAT, ACT, and more. The site also includes lessons for math, English, and science topics for grades 8-12. There is also info about the college application process, financial aid, and scholarships to help students get into the college of their choice. All students have to do is visit www.march2success.com to register and access all this great content! The US Army has also partnered with the Pro-Football Hall of Fame to introduce an Award of Excellence given to outstanding student athletes who also excel at academics and making an impact in their community. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors in high school are eligible to win. Consider nominating a Key Clubber for this award!