

# THE KIWANIS ANNUAL REPORT for Fiscal Year 2021 \*

A Summary of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and its Foundation's Grants, Gifts, Services, and Capital Improvement Projects in that year.

\* FY2021 = October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021



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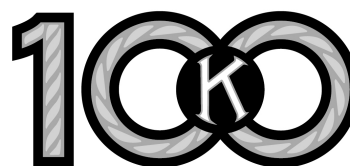
## Message from Immediate Past President Margaret.

Having tackled the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Kiwanis began a new fiscal year on October 1, 2020, with optimism. Lifesaving COVID vaccines were on the horizon, our Thrift Sale was open for business and we continued policies and procedures to promote the health and safety of our members, volunteers, staff, and customers. When COVID cases increased, we closed the Thrift Sale before Thanksgiving 2020 and reopened it in April 2021. We recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor in June 2021. We were very pleased to end the fiscal year on September 30, 2021, having gifted \$643,237 in dollars and goods to assist our community.

This would not have been possible without the time, effort, and generosity of our members, volunteers, staff, and customers. Many thanks to all who contributed to this accomplishment in our Club's Centennial Year.

Margaret J. Krasnoff, President 2020-2021  
Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and  
Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc.  
*January 10, 2022*

2021 A CENTURY OF SERVICE



KIWANIS CLUB OF ANN ARBOR

This ANNUAL REPORT is our expanded COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT regarding the volunteer work, service, gifts, and grants that the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and its Foundation, members, volunteers, and staff provided to our community during fiscal year 2021. It also includes the cost of capital improvement and maintenance projects completed during that year.

During this past year 1) the Kiwanis Thrift Sale was temporarily closed or reduced to one day for 33 weeks due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2) the Club's total membership number fell to 133, and 3) the Club and Foundation continued to provide 47 grants, 22 scholarships, and many direct services to our community.

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**In fiscal year 2021, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation distributed over **\$643,237** in Grants and Gifts as follows:**

- **\$79,000** for **22 Kiwanis Finish Line “Full-Ride” Scholarships** for Washtenaw Community College (WCC) students.
  - Each Kiwanis scholarship of **\$3,500 covered tuition, books, and fees** for a school year as well as supporting a shared **\$2,000** fund for emergency expenses, like a car repair or short-term childcare needs. This Kiwanis scholarship support can be renewed to provide up to two full time school years of support.
  - Spring semester 2021, 28 students funded, and 6 graduated with certificates, 93% academically successful. Summer semester 2021, 12 students funded with 92% academically successful. Fall semester 2021, 26 students funded, 88% successful, and 4 students graduated with Associate Degrees.
- **\$132,118** in **Local Grants and Gifts**. This included:
  - **\$99,250** in **Kiwanis Grants** to **47 nonprofits** serving children & families in Washtenaw Co. One grant awarded in FY20 was transferred to and awarded in FY21 due to COVID-19.
  - **\$14,668** in support of **Kiwanis of MI Foundation, Service Leadership Programs, K-Family, KI Sponsored Programs, Kiwanis Children’s Fund, Mott Pott, and Petanque Court in Burns Park**.
  - **\$18,200** in support of **Summer Residential Camperships** in addition to \$1,159 in camping supplies from the Kiwanis Thrift Sale.
- **\$274,974** in **direct gifts of Free Furniture and Merchandise** (including clothing, shoes, bedding, books, and toys) from the Kiwanis Thrift Sale **to nonprofit agencies**.
- **\$49,695** in **Kiwanis Voucher Program direct gifts of Free Household Goods**.
  - **\$39,212** to **134 families**, and
  - **\$10,483** to several agencies for distribution to additional individuals and families when the Voucher Program was closed due to COVID-19
- **\$5,580** in **International Giving** from members to the **Haiti Nursing Foundation**.
- **\$84,540** via **Warm the Children Program** for **new winter clothes** for **885 children**.
  - **\$79,939** in donations to support the purchase of new winter clothes and
  - **\$4,601** of Kiwanis sponsorship administrative support for the Warm the Children Program.
- **\$17,330** raised during the **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** in December 2020.

*The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. provided this support from the sale of items and the direct gifts of merchandise from the Kiwanis Thrift Sale, financial support from individual Club members and volunteers, through an ongoing partnership with the Ray and Eleanor Cross Foundation, and the dedicated work of members, volunteers, and staff.*

**Since 1921 the value of these efforts now totals**

**over \$9,100,000.**

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### Who are the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and its Foundation?

- The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor was chartered on June 13, 1921.
- The Kiwanis Thrift Sale first began as an annual Rummage Sale in 1927.
- The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. was incorporated as a domestic nonprofit organization with the State of Michigan on November 4, 1964.
- The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. was recognized by the US Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation on March 17, 1965.
- The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor and its Foundation were located in downtown Ann Arbor in the Foundation's own building at 200 S. First Street from 1966 – 2017. The downtown Kiwanis Foundation building was sold in 2017.
- The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. purchased a 123,000 sq ft. building with 17 acres at 100 N. Staebler Road, Ann Arbor in 2014. All Kiwanis activities were moved to this new location as of January 2018.
  
- **MEMBERSHIP** As of October 1, 2021, number of Club members: **133**.
  - This is a loss of 17 members from a year earlier, when we had 150 Club members. Club members include men and women from across the community who give back to our community by volunteering to provide services and financial support.
  - In addition to Club members, in FY21 there were **117** non-member volunteers.
  
- **Members' volunteer hours and non-members' volunteer hours helped make possible our weekly Kiwanis Thrift Sale, Kiwanis Voucher Program, Kiwanis Young Professional service projects, Meals on Wheels (MOW) deliveries, and other services.**
  - **Kiwanis Thrift Sale** number of volunteers: **188**
    - **78** (41%) were Kiwanis Club members, and **110** (59%) were non-members, including UofM Circle K students.
    - Kiwanis Thrift Sale volunteer hours during fiscal year 2021: **17,846 hours**.
  - **Kiwanis Voucher Program** volunteer hours: **503 hours**.
  - **Kiwanis Young Professionals'** volunteer hours for **17 projects**: **172 hours**
  - **Meals on Wheels (MOW)** number of volunteers: **17**
    - **10** (59%) were Kiwanis Club members and **7** (41%) were non-members.
    - MOW volunteer hours during fiscal year 2021: **331 hours**.

### Over 18,852 VOLUNTEER HOURS provided in fiscal year 2021.

- This total includes both member and non-member volunteer hours.

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# What did our Club and Foundation do in fiscal year 2021?

- We operated our weekly **Kiwanis Thrift Sale as our Foundation's major service project and fund raiser** to support grants and gifts back to the community.
  - The **Kiwanis Thrift Sale** was supported by Kiwanis members, non-member volunteers, and paid staff.
  - We had 11 paid staff, 5 of whom had full-time positions. This is a reduction from FY20 when we had 15 paid staff, 5 of whom had full-time positions.
    - Note: During the summer of 2021 several additional temporary merchandise assistants were employed, but all left prior to Sept. 30, 2021.
  - **The Kiwanis Thrift Sale was closed or operated only on Saturdays for 33 weeks during FY21** due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Kiwanis Thrift Sale was open on Saturdays only from Oct. 3 thru Nov. 14, 2020 (7 weeks). Then it was closed both Fridays and Saturdays from Nov. 20, 2020, through March 27, 2021 (19 weeks). Then it reopened Saturdays only from April 3 through May 15, 2021 (7 weeks). Starting May 21, 2021, our sale was open both Fridays and Saturdays for the balance of the fiscal year (19 weeks). Drop-off donations varied but were limited to Saturdays only from 9am to noon since May 22, 2021.
- We operated our weekly **Kiwanis Foundation Voucher Program** providing **free household goods to families** for all but the period of Nov. 20, 2020, until June 3, 2021 (28 weeks) due to COVID-19.
- Our Foundation sponsored **Warm the Children Program (WTC)** with donations and shopping support.
- Our Foundation **continued a partnership** with **Avalon Housing** and **HouseN2Home** to **help furnish up to 70 units of new housing** with couches, kitchen tables, chairs, and dressers as designated sales from our Kiwanis Thrift Sale.
- Foundation members operated the **Kiwanis Environmental Education Preserve (KEEP)** with limited activities due to COVID-19.
- Club members and volunteers delivered meals weekly for the **Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program** on **170 routes** throughout the fiscal year totaling about **3,544 meals**.

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- Our Club sponsored:
  - **Two Blood Drives** which were scheduled in February and March 2021. Both were cancelled due to COVID-19 and have not yet been rescheduled.
  - A local **Cub Scout Pack #131** at Lawton Elementary School in Ann Arbor.
  - The **Circle K Club** at the University of Michigan.
  - The **Student Service Leadership Key Club** at Huron High School.
- Club members supported and volunteered at the **C. S. Mott Children's Hospital Child & Family Life Services Program**.
- Club members staffed **Salvation Army bell ringing** on a Saturday in December.
- Club members, including Kiwanis Young Professional (KYP) members, provided an **information booth and service project at the Ann Arbor Art Fair** in July 2021.
- Club members used the online **ZOOM platform for our weekly Monday general membership meetings and programs** with about 65-70 members and guests attending each week. In addition, many of the committee meetings were held by using ZOOM.
- Our Foundation applied for and received two **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans** from the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These loans totaled \$157,381 and supported keeping our staff working and paid during the pandemic. The PPP loans were both forgiven by the SBA in FY2021.
- **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Young Professionals (KYP):** Seven members **volunteered at 17 service projects across the community**. These included volunteering at Food Gatherers, Washtenaw and City of Ann Arbor Parks, Meals on Wheels, Growing Hope urban farm in Ypsilanti, Peace Neighborhood, Community Kitchen at the Delonis Center, support of UofM Circle K, and blanket making at Brookdale Hospice.
- The Club and Foundation published a weekly online **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Newsletter** and operated three (3) Kiwanis websites at: [www.a2kiwanis.org](http://www.a2kiwanis.org)

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**Below is a list of most of the agencies, groups, and services that were supported in fiscal year 2021 by the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. and the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor, its individual members, volunteers, and staff with ongoing support from the community.**

826michigan student support  
A2 Hospice  
A2 Women's Group Child Care  
A2 Youth Chorale  
Avalon Housing - furniture  
Best Buddies in Michigan  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Catholic Social Services  
Children's Literacy Network  
Chelsea area Faith in Action - clothing  
Chelsea area 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church - clothing  
C. S. Mott Children's Hospital  
Community Action Network  
Corner Health Center Ypsilanti  
Dawn Farm Transition Housing  
Encore Musical Theatre Company  
Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan  
Family Learning Institute  
Food Gatherers  
Foundations Preschool  
Friends In-Deed Children's Program  
Girls Group - High School Graduation  
Goodwill  
Groundcover News  
Habitat for Humanity  
Haiti Nursing Foundation  
Humane Society of Huron Valley  
Intentional Communities of Washtenaw  
Kiwanis Ann Arbor Service Leadership Programs  
Kiwanis Ann Arbor Washtenaw Comm College "Full-Ride" Scholarships  
Kiwanis Ann Arbor Voucher Program  
Kiwanis Ann Arbor support and materials for Premie Pals Quilts  
Kiwanis Aktion Club of Monroe - shoes and materials for service projects  
Lost Voices  
Meals on Wheels  
Michigan Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership  
Michigan Prisons - books  
miRcore Advanced STEM for High School students  
Neutral Zone  
Nu2U  
North Star Reach Camp for children with serious illnesses  
Our Lady of Good Council  
Our Neighbor's Keeper in Jackson  
Overflow Blessings  
Ozone House  
Peace Neighborhood Center  
Planned Parenthood Peer Tutors  
Ronald McDonald House  
Safe House Center  
Saline Area Social Service  
SASHA Farms in Manchester  
Salvation Army  
Silver Club Memory Support Programs  
SOS Community Services  
Student Advocacy Center  
Summer Camp Scholarships  
Summer Camperships thru Washtenaw Camp Placement  
UofM Museums Art K-12 programs  
UofM Natural History K-12 programs  
UofM Alliance for Healthy Schools  
Warm The Children Program  
Washtenaw Area Council for Children  
Washtenaw Young Life  
Webster Township Historical Society - Children Programs  
Women's Center of SE Michigan - support for New Mothers  
YMCA Learn to Swim Program

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## CAPITAL and MAINTENANCE PROJECTS - Fiscal Year 2021

Reported by the Kiwanis Building and Equipment (B&E) Committee

<b>Upgraded Lighting to LEDs</b> Donations and discounted pricing by member Charlie Phibbs allowed the Building and Equipment (B&E) Committee to change out the existing florescent bulbs in several offices, storage rooms and garages, resulting in energy savings and improved lighting.	<b>\$1,600</b>
<b>Converted an existing office into a handicap bathroom in tenant areas 1600 and 1700. The tenants requested the change.</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Purchased an Electric Reach Truck.</b> This small truck is like a forklift and is used by Kiwanis staff to handle the storage of future sales items on pallets using our high storage shelves, and for maintenance projects for the building.	<b>\$17,995</b>
<b>Purchased an Electric Pallet Jack.</b> This jack is used to safely move heavy pallets around the building.	<b>\$1,955</b>
<b>Made Information Technology (I.T.) Improvements, including laptops and iPads.</b>	<b>\$3,299</b>
<b>Contracted with an architect to produce drawings and costs to remodel the Kiwanis Cafeteria / Large Meeting Room.</b>	<b>\$3,808</b>
<b>Conducted preventative maintenance on the Main Electrical Meter and Switches.</b> These items are located outside of the building.	<b>\$4,165</b>
<b>Building Maintenance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair of large concrete slab on west docks</li> <li>• Emergency lighting service: replacement, repair, and testing</li> <li>• Repairs and maintenance of large wall fans in high bay</li> <li>• Asphalt coating of parking lots</li> <li>• Dock equipment and docks tested</li> <li>• Added an additional checkout station</li> <li>• Added more COVID signage</li> </ul>	<b>\$27,368</b>
<b>TOTAL OF BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:</b> The costs identified above do not include Kiwanis staff labor costs.	<b>\$75,190.</b>

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**The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor is celebrating 100 years of service.  
June 13, 1921 – June 13, 2021**

**100 YEARS OF CLUB PERSEVERANCE AND DEDICATION EXEMPLIFIED  
DURING KIWANIS CENTENNIAL**

*Written by Dale R. Leslie, Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor member since 1979.*

The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor successfully faced the challenge of COVID-19 during its Centennial Year 2021. With great anticipation, the Club Centennial Committee developed a festive and celebratory program that would culminate in a dinner banquet on June 13, 2021, at the Michigan Union. The occasion would have been 100 years to the day of our Chartering in 1921. Unfortunately, due to COVID, it had to be postponed to 2022.

Other scheduled events for the club anniversary during 2021 proceeded as planned:

~ Our club website ([a2kiwanis.org](http://a2kiwanis.org)) featured our club history and purpose and presented a series of member Memory Gems (short vignettes about the club in action through the years).  
~ A special anniversary pin was manufactured and distributed to members and volunteers.

~ Banners were displayed on light fixtures on both sides of Ann Arbor's Main Street for a period that included the high-volume automobile and pedestrian traffic of the Art Fair.

~ A celebratory Centennial picnic featuring digital interviews with club members and friends was celebrated on June 13, 2021, on the 100th anniversary of our chartering.

Highlights: [www.YouTube.com/WatchmanOfTheTracks](http://www.YouTube.com/WatchmanOfTheTracks)

~ The official U.S. Congressional Record noted our Centennial and an American Flag flown above the Nation's Capital was forwarded to the club. Other congratulatory salutes were received from the Ann Arbor City Council, the Washtenaw County Board, the Michigan State Legislature and other legislative bodies and businesses.

~ The Washtenaw County Historical Society (WCHS) hosted an exhibit in its Museum on Main Street from October 2021 through January 2022. Only five exhibits are scheduled each year and we were honored to have been selected.

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**Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.**

**“Help Us Help Kids and our Community!”**

The Kiwanis Thrift Sale, Club and Foundation are located at:  
100 North Staebler Road, Suite C, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9755.

The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation.

**Want to join Kiwanis as a member and/or volunteer?**

**Go to our website [www.a2kiwanis.org](http://www.a2kiwanis.org) and click on the “Join Us” button  
for detailed information.**