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Service Need:
To honor the legacy of Dr. King and the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March for voting rights, our club wanted to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr National Day of Service in a way that fosters cooperation and understanding among diverse groups of people. We celebrated the three-day weekend by engaging in service projects that focus on people of different faiths and different generations working together to serve others. We addressed the needs of hunger and isolation in our community.
Project Plan:


2. We registered our participation of the MLK2015 website.

3. To encourage members to participate we developed the Wall of Service and a form for each member to report their service and recognized participating members by displaying their service record on the wall of service in the hallway of our school.

4. We planned a large scale service event in which we partnered with St. Brigid’s Youth Ministry. We assigned members to bring loaves of bread, jars of peanut butter, jars of jelly or boxes of sandwich bags to the event. K-Kids members of all faiths were welcomed and made peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for the hungry side by side with Catholic children from the parish.

5. Individual K-Kids members will also select their own service projects that focus on people of diverse socio-economics, age and faiths.

6. At our meeting following the MLK holiday weekend, club members share their service projects and submitted their service record forms and photos for the Wall of Service.
Project Implementation:

On the Saturday of MLK Day weekend, we kicked off our service project at St. Brigid’s Church by making peanut butter & Jelly sandwiches. Each K-Kids member brought bread, peanut butter, jelly or sandwich bags to the event.

The parish had never had such a large group attend a peanut & jelly gang session. More than 85% of our members attended. Together with the parish religious education class, we more than doubled the record for number of sandwiches made at one of their sessions.

On Sunday and Monday, individual club members engaged in their own service projects that focused on working with or serving people of different faith, age or socio-economic situation.

Several members worked with their Girl Scout troop to collect food for a local food pantry. One members baked a pie for her elderly neighbors who struggle financially. Other members visited an assisted living facility and interviewed senior citizens about their lives. These histories were passed to family members of the seniors.
Final Results:

In addition, to feeding the hungry with over 850 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, Bowling Green K-Kids members also preserved the life histories of senior citizens for their families, provided companionship for those who are alone and stocked a local food pantry.

Equally important was the fellowship and goodwill we developed among people of different faiths, ages and socio-economic situations.

Through our Wall of Service display, we encouraged others in our school to serve others through community service and advertised our club to our fellow students.
Public Awareness:

Our project received a wide array of press coverage including articles in online publications like the New York District Kiwanis website and the K-Kids International website. Articles also appeared in print publication such as the East Meadow Herald, the school district newsletter and the Long Island South Central Kiwanis Division's newsletter.

(Please see attached)
Member Impact:

Our members helped to make over 850 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for local soup kitchens to feed the hungry, collected food for local food pantries and provide treats for elderly neighborhood struggling to make ends meet. We also helped document the lives of senior citizens living in a local assisted living facility for their families by doing historical interviews with residents.

Equally important is that we worked with and served people of different faiths, generations and socio-economic situations. A number of our members who had never been in a Catholic church worked with members of the parish religious education class. Discussions ensued about the similarities and differences among the Jewish, Catholic, Islamic, Hindu and various Protestant faiths.

In addition, some of our members learned history from those that lived it during their interviews with senior citizens at the assisted Living facility and over cherry pie with elderly neighbors.
During this same period, she also donated her time to help raise awareness about AIDS and HIV at events such as World AIDS Day, as a volunteer at Prescott’s Northland Cares.

In the summer of 2013, Kayla was taken captive by ISIS after leaving a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Aleppo where she had been providing aid to refugees of the Syrian civil war.

Of course in her short life, Kayla acted on her compassion in ways that few of us will ever do. Nevertheless, Kayla can be an inspiration to each of us to do just a little more.

This month, let each of us dedicate one special act of compassion to Kayla’s memory. In doing so, we extend the impact that Kiwanis had on Carl Mueller who was a role model for his daughter. His daughter Kayla now becomes a role model to each of us so we can be role models to others.

If any Kiwanian wishes to share how he/she honored Kayla’s memory or simply express condolences to the Mueller family, the Kiwanis Club of Prescott is accepting cards on their behalf. They can be sent to:

The Mueller Family
C/o Kiwanis Club of Prescott
PO Box 1020
Prescott, AZ 86302

BOWLING GREEN K-KIDS HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE
By Rich Santer

The Bowling Green K-Kids honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by participating in service projects over the MLK Day weekend. K-Kids members were encouraged to select their own service projects that focused on people from all walks of life coming together in the service of others. K-Kids member Sophia Buzzeo, whose father coordinates the Parish Youth Ministry, invited club members of any faith to join St. Brigid’s Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang for the Martin Luther King National Day of Service Weekend.

Bowling Green K-Kids members join the PB & J Gang.
Nearly half the club joined members of St. Brigid's Confirmation class, the WT Clarke Builders Club and youth from the parish to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for the homeless and the hungry of Long Island.

Working together, the PB & J Gang created 848 sandwiches which were sent to Brentwood for distribution to shelters and soup kitchens throughout the area.

Other projects honoring Dr. King included Sophia Ruperto visiting Senior citizens at the Bristol Assisted Living Facility, Sydney Follick making cherry pie for a needy family in her neighborhood and, Isabella DiCostanzo and her girl scout troop making food for a soup kitchen.

HEMPSTEAD ELIMINATORS ELIMINATED AT NAME THAT TUNE

Five daring members of the Kiwanis Club of Hempstead joined the East Meadow Kiwanis Club and others for their annual Name That Tune contest. The Eliminators soon found that they were going to be "Eliminated", but all was not lost. You see, many of the raffle prizes, which just happened to be bottles of good spirits fell into Hempstead's hands. So, the club could drown their sorrows. IPP Charles Cronin, who has become famous as being a "Sore Loser" said, "We'll be back."

The club is also celebrating their 79th Anniversary and President Dr. Sally Thompson said, "Let them eat cake."
Bowling Green K-Kids Wall of Service Leaders

Name: ___________________________ Grade: ______

Service Hours: _______ (ie. 1.5 hr)

Category of Service: (Circle One) Helping Children, Education, Environment, Health & Safety, Homelessness, Hunger, Senior Citizens, Persons with Special Needs

Did you receive a donation for your service? YES / NO
If YES to whom did you donate this money to? ____________________________

Did you collect or make something for someone else? YES / NO
If YES to whom did you donate these items to? __________________________

Describe your Service: ______________________________________

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