

# KIWANIS HOUR

**Kiwanis**  
Next is Now



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**Young Children**  
Priority One

**Kiwanis Pacific Northwest District**  
**2008 - 2009 Governor Wendy Falkowski**

## PNW YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE PROJECT CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Young Children: Priority One (YCPO), an ongoing service program of Kiwanis International, addresses the needs of young children. All clubs are encouraged to carry out at least two YCPO projects per calendar year, though many clubs are able to do more—helping children, families, and communities.

The 2008-2009 Pacific Northwest District Young Children: Priority One Project is Services for Children with Autism and their families.



Do **YOU** know which child has autism?

Do **YOU** know that *1 in 150* children are diagnosed with autism?

How can **YOU** make a Difference?

Participate in the **KIWANIS HOUR** *Young Children: Priority One* project

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The Kiwanis Hour helps **YOUR COMMUNITY**

The Kiwanis Hour is a **DONATION OF \$500 (or more)**

The Kiwanis Hour is an **HOUR OF KIWANIS SERVICE**

The Kiwanis Hour promotes **KIWANIS SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

Contact your **local Child Development Centre** or **Centre for Autism** to find out how your club can provide support for their **Early Intervention Program for Children with Autism**. Child Development Centers are non-profit organizations and don't always have the funds to provide the extras services needed.

Early intervention has been proven effective in promoting communication, cognition, play, social, self-help, fine and gross motor skills. Education for parents, family, educators and professionals in the school system is vital so the child receives the support that is needed to be included in society and become independent.

*W. Falkowski*  
PNW Governor 2008-2009



## HOW CAN KIWANIS HELP?

There are a number of ways...



- ★ Provide **KIWANIS SERVICE HOUR** once a week to wash and disinfect the toys/therapy equipment
- ★ Provide **KIWANIS SERVICE HOUR** once a week for in-centre child care for siblings while parents are in therapy with another child
- ★ Make a **KIWANIS HOUR DONATION OF \$500 or more** for Educational Materials and toys used in therapy.
- ★ Sponsor a **KIWANIS HOUR Educational Seminar on Autism**.
- ★ Sponsor a **KIWANIS HOUR Autism Screening Clinic**.  
*Both funding and service hours to assist with the seminar or screening clinic are needed*

## KIWANIS HOUR PROMOTES KIWANIS SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS *BEYOND* YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE PROJECT

### PEER MENTORING "Buddy" PROJECT

When children with autism enter the school system, it is important that they be included with their peers in activities both during and after school. Team up with your local Child Development Centre, School District and local Boys and Girls to see how you can work together to incorporate a KIWANIS HOUR Peer Mentoring Program.

Here's How It Would Work:

### Partnering With Your Community

- ★ **Local School District and/or Boys and Girls Club** gives you permission to build and charter a **K-Kids, Builder's Club or Key Club** to be the mentors (*there may already be a club available in the school*).
- ★ Professional Interventionists from the **Child Development Centre** would train mentors / educators to work with autistic child



### Perks & Benefits for Everyone



- ★ the **student mentor** is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club to attend The **Key Leader Camp**
- ★ the **child with autism** is included with his peers
- ★ the **child's family** is put at ease knowing someone is protecting their child while at school activities
- ★ the **Kiwanis Club** builds a new Service Leadership Club or strengthens an already existing one
- ★ the **School District** has a mentoring program, Service Leadership Club and Kiwanis connections
- ★ the **Child Development Centre** acquires an avenue to educate the community about autism



KEY CLUB®



**REGISTER YOUR INVOLVEMENT / KEEP US POSTED**

**“KIWANIS HOURS” 2008/9 PNW Young Children: Priority One Project  
REGISTRATION**

**SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO  
THE 2008/9 *YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE* DISTRICT CHAIR, **THOMAS N. THOMPSON**  
EMAIL: [TNT30@COMCAST.NET](mailto:TNT30@COMCAST.NET) & PNW GOVERNOR [WENDYF@TELUS.NET](mailto:WENDYF@TELUS.NET)  
OR MAIL TO 1802 8<sup>TH</sup> ST., ANACORTES WA 98221**

|                      |            |                 |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Name Of Kiwanis Club |            | Club #          |
| Contact Person       |            | Position        |
| Phone                | Fax        | Email           |
| Address              |            |                 |
| City                 | State/Prov | Zip/Postal Code |

How did you participate in the **Kiwanis Hour** Young Children: Priority One Project?

| ✓                        | Action  | Name of Organization |    |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Donated Funds                                   |                      | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Donated Service Hours                           |                      | #  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Build & Chartered a New Service Leadership Club |                      |    |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> K-Kids                 |                      |    |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Builders Club          |                      |    |
|                          | <input type="checkbox"/> KEY Club               |                      |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sent a student(s) to Key Leadership Camp        |                      | #  |



*“buddies”*

