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KIWANIS FAMILY BRANCHES

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Kiwanis **K-Kids** Young Leaders Helping Others

K-Kids, which stands for Kiwanis Kids, is the youngest branch of the Kiwanis Family! The members of K-Kids are **elementary school students** who serve and learn to become leaders at a young age. Within K-Kids, they have the **Terrific Kids** program, where K-Kids members set goals for themselves and define what “terrific” means to them! The program encourages good behavior and those who reach their goals are recognized for being a Terrific Kid! Another program by K-Kids, is the **Bring Up Grades** program where students are encouraged to maintain good grades. Like in Terrific Kids, the students set goals for themselves! When they reach their goals, they are recognized and celebrated! K-Kids helps kids become the best they can be! To learn more about K-Kids and what they do, go to <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/>

Kiwanis **Builders Club** Building Leaders

Builders Club *builds* leaders from middle school! Builders Club is similar to Key Club, but for the **middle school level**. They are the largest service organization for middle school/junior high, and have 45,000 members all across the globe! The first Builders Club was chartered in 1975, and since then they have continued growing and fostering leaders. Their core values are the same as Key Club’s, and they focus on building leaders through service and character building. Builders Club is partnered with **UNICEF** and **March of Dimes**, and they work to help these charities and help children in need! Key Club can co-Sponsor Builders Clubs to help them grow into leaders and create a connection between the two branches. As Key Clubbers, we are able to help and guide them as leaders and we can invite them to our service projects! To learn more about Builders Club, go to <https://www.buildersclub.org/>!



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CKI[®] Circle K International



Circle K International is a student-led organization for college students who wish to continue or start their journey into the **Kiwanis family**. Circle K International is an option for members who would like to be more **active** in their **college community**. Although the first Circle K club was chartered in 1949, 24 years after Key Club International's first charter date of 1925, they act as a **role model for all the other branches**, including Key Club members by emphasizing the **importance of college** and **continuing serving the community** well into your **adult years!** Along with highlighting the values of higher education, they provide a **club to connect with other college students**, making the transition from high school into college an easier and a more **enjoyable experience** for the Circle K members. To find out more about Circle K International check out their **website** at <https://www.circlek.org/>

"I've made great friendships in my 2 years in the Circle K family, and I've enjoyed every moment!"
- Brian Nito Central Coast Circle K LTG

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Key Club International is a student-led organization for high school students who want to make a difference in their high school community. Since Key Club International's first charter date of 1925, they have acted as **pioneers in the K-family** through their **value of inclusivity**. They have allowed **women** in the club since 1977, elected **Craig Melvin, an African-American as president of Key Club International** in 1996, accommodated for other genders by using appropriate pronouns on the district level in 2019, and included other religions by changing the phrase **"...my nation and God..."** to **"...my nation and world..."** in the **Key Club Pledge** that same year in 2019. Along with being very inclusive, they provide **networking and leadership skills to high school students** that resonate with them into adulthood. In order to find out more about Key Club International and the programs they can offer to high school students, check out their **website** at <https://www.keyclub.org/>.

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Did you know that the word **"Kiwin"** is derived from **"Anokiiwin"**? This translates to **"people, men and women, working together in service."** One could argue that there has never been a more fitting word to describe the hardworking community of **KIWIN'S** today! In fact, **"KIWIN'S"** is always capitalized to emphasize the large impact of local **KIWIN'S** clubs on their surrounding communities. Founded in 1974, **KIWIN'S** was originally named "Keyettes", as Key Club was an all-male club at the time! As **Key Club** and **KIWIN'S** have evolved into the **all-inclusive clubs** that we all love, both clubs parallel in their mission **serve their communities with passion and dedication**. There will always be an everlasting bond between Key Club and **KIWIN'S**, as exemplified by the close relationship of the two CNH sister districts! Currently, CNH **KIWIN'S** major emphasis is on the **"Live2Learn" program**, which promotes **education and building literacy skills in 5-9 year old youth**. Check out the **KIWIN'S** website at <https://www.kiwins.org/> to learn more about the initiative and **KIWIN'S** as a whole!



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With all of the branches of the K-Family being composed of thousands of kids, **Kiwanis** steps up to the responsibility of looking out for them. “**Serving the Children of the World**”, their global community of clubs, members, and partners all dedicate themselves to improve the circumstances of children and stand by them as they **grow to become strong future leaders**. As their focus has always been assisting the young, there are roughly **150,000 projects held yearly** revolving around **fighting hunger, improving opportunities, and many more activities that help with child development**. They prove the statement, “Thousands serving millions” very well, especially when their mission is to help kids around the world as the parental figure of the K-family branches. Kiwanis **originated in 1915** by a group of businessmen in Detroit, Michigan. The name was first called the ‘Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers’, but changed to Kiwanis after the American Indian expression, “Nunc Kee-wanis” meaning, “**We trade**”.

To learn more about Kiwanis and what they do, go to <https://www.kiwanis.org>



“Where development has no disability”, **Aktion Club** is known to be the **only service club for adults with disabilities** worldwide. With more than **12,000 members and 500 clubs**, they recruit members found in a variety of organizations supporting disabilities with the goal of turning them into leaders. The **beginning of Aktion Club was in 1987**, 62 years after the first Key Club, at Putnam County Florida by George D. “Jake” Swartout. Similar to Key Club, their **four core values are Caring, Leadership, Inclusiveness, and Character Building**. Engagement is extremely important when it comes to the Aktion club, especially when adults with disabilities are becoming more active in their communities. In addition to becoming leaders, they also specialize in identifying behaviors of their members to acknowledge and support them towards engagement. While they take turns in managing different projects to learn how to lead, the **most important thing about them is that everyone is welcome in Aktion club**, and that they make friends that care just as much as they do about creating a better community.

To learn more about Aktion Club and what they do, go to <https://www.aktionclub.org/>