

KI-EF Update

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December 2019 Edition



**LET'S GIVE A LITTLE MORE
FOR THE CHILDREN**

Merry Christmas to you and your Family!

Let's remember the historic context of the Christmas Celebration: the Nativity.

A child is born at a place of nowhere in extremely poor conditions: the parents have no place to go and the heat is brought by the breath of a beef and a donkey!

Isn't this remembering the conditions of the refugees in our modern world?

So, in this Season to open our heart, let's have a thought to the refugee children we aim at helping with our KI-EF Happy Child Project.

We don't have good news from them, unhappily!



observed while, at the same time, the EU funding has been stopped!

A thought is a first step, a second would be a resolution, and a third one an action. As our World President Daniel says, « Res Non Verba », join us in action!

Engage with us, make a gift with your club, engage a Happy Child action with your club! More than ever, refugee children need us!

Maybe you were shocked by the press releases of the extreme conditions of the Refugee parked in the Greek Islands?

And from the Syrian scene, we don't have better news for you: at Tartous, a growing flow of unaccompanied refugee children is

Hoping we appropriately transmit to you our Christmas hopes and feelings, we wish hope and peace to you and our family.

from the #happychild team

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53rd EUROPEAN CONVENTION | 5-7 June 2020



Registration for the 53rd European Convention is now open!

This year, the federation's convention will be held in Brugge, capital of West Flanders in northwest Belgium and a Unesco World Heritage City.

Members* who register and pay before 31st January 2020 for the 2020 European Convention will receive a special bottle of "Brugse Zot", a beer with a legend that goes back to the Middle Age.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Brugge in June 2020!

Chris Decorte
KI-EF President 2019-20



REGISTER NOW

** Winners will be announced in subsequent email communications. Must be present in Brugge to pick up special bottle. KI-EF Board members are excluded from this offer.*

Kiwanis Children's Fund for Disaster Relief – Albania



At least 105 residents suffered minor injuries as they bolted from their cracking homes, following a 6.4 magnitude earthquake in Albania as scores of aftershocks shook the country's western coast in late November.

The quake struck 8 miles north of the port city of Durres around 2:04 p.m., sending shockwaves as far as the capital Tirana, located about 23 miles to the east.

Officials described the quake as the most powerful to strike the country in the last 30 years, according to the outlet. More than 100 aftershocks have since rattled the region.

Many who had fled are staying in temporary shelters as experts inspect nearly 600 damaged homes around the country.

Additionally a magnitude 4.5 earthquake shoot just a few days ago on 14th December affecting Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, and Albania.

As you know Kiwanis Children's Fund has a special program called "Disaster relief" (<https://www2.kiwanis.org/.../.../grant-programs/disaster-relief...>) that help Kiwanis clubs and districts to meet crucial, immediate needs, as you probably know we have Kiwanis clubs in Albania.

Please share this information in your district and consider to make a donation to Kiwanis Children's Fund for disaster relief.

The Netherlands district already donated 2.500 euros.

Kids even in Albania need Kiwanis.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Apply for the 2020 European Young Kiwanis Summit

Are you a young European Kiwanis member? Aged between 18 and 39?

MAKE AN IMPACT

Kiwanis invites you to be part of a European network of Young Kiwanians

- You will be an active participant of a European social fundraiser *Young Kiwanis Project 3.0*
- You will be **trained** by professional trainers and key note speakers



Apply to join us in Montpellier!

- You will make **friends for life**
- Your experience will **add value** to your district, your club and yourself

Then do rush to register for the **European Young Kiwanis Summit!**

JOIN THE 2020 SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

Kiwanis Club of Varese from Italy–San Marino won the Bronze price in the 2018 Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest with project *Martino Piccolo Lupo* (Martin Little Wolf).

Martin isn't like the other wolves. And, the children in Italy and Switzerland know that's exactly what makes him so special. Martin is the main character in "Martino Piccolo Lupo" — a book designed for talking about autism to children.



Help Kiwanis become the number 1 service club by getting your club and your district involved in a signature project. Signature projects provide valuable and needed service to our communities. They elevate awareness of Kiwanis, engage current members and remind them why they joined Kiwanis. Additionally, signature projects can increase membership. A signature project is one that includes all the following criteria:

- **Recurring:** At a minimum, the project should take place annually.
- **Brand enhancing:** The project should be designed to elevate the Kiwanis brand in the local community with opportunities for public relations activities, such as using the Kiwanis name on the project, media mentions, etc.
- **High impact:** The project should have a demonstrable positive impact on the community; this impact should be measurable in monies raised, children served, flags hung, playgrounds built, etc.
- **Membership focused:** The project should support opportunities to strengthen membership and develop new partnerships.

**Join the 2020 Signature Project Contest
by 27th January 2020.**

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Calendar



KI-EF Calendar of Events

Events Coming Up?

KI-EF Executive Committee, Board Meeting &
Kiwanis Childrens Fund Summit, Milan (30-31st January)
Kiwanis Academy | Communication & District Strategy,
Milan (1 -2 February)



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