

# **KIWANIS CLUB OF WOODHAVEN** Annual Report to our Community

Please take a couple of minutes to browse through our report to the Downriver Community on the many activities the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven offers to improve our Community.
Also, take note of the many community minded businesses who made printing and distribution of this report possible.





## From President Brenden

Another year has passed, and again the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven is teaming up with the Downriver News Herald to share our message with the community.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven is comprised of 40 members from all across the Downriver community. No matter where you are Downriver, you will find a friendly Woodhaven Kiwanian somewhere in your community. Some of our members are college students, and some are long retired. No matter the age, Woodhaven Kiwanis is an intergenerational effort to make a positive difference across the Downriver community.

Woodhaven Kiwanis puts on a number of projects throughout the year. One signature project is our Kids Against Hunger event. Each and every year, on the first Saturday of February, hundreds of

third, fourth, and fifth graders get together from local elementary schools to help pack meals for food banks, both near and far. You may also see a Woodhaven Kiwanian ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, or down in Detroit at the Piquette Square housing complex for veterans, preparing a delicious warm meal on Veterans' Day. You may also catch us at the Trenton Village Theater putting on a movie for children with autism.

Unfortunately, the precarious situation of 2021 did not allow for our Kids Against Hunger or movie for children with autism projects, but we have stepped up in other ways. On May 22, we held our annual shower to raise money for C.S. Mott children's hospital, by raffling off baskets in a socially distanced setting. Last December, we masked up and rang the bell for the Salvation Army. We are making every attempt we can to do the same projects in a covid safe manner.

I joined Kiwanis about four years ago, when my friend encouraged me to join. My former elementary school principal, the treasurer of the club, had been pulling my arm for a while, so I figured I would give it a try. Four years and many friendships later, I am still coming back every Wednesday. With that said, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping out in the community to one of our meetings, which are held in a hybrid format, with an in-person portion and a Zoom portion.

I would now like to offer my sincere gratitude to our advertisers for supporting this project. Through their generosity, Woodhaven Kiwanians are able to meet the many unique needs of our community. These businesses have been so generous to us in these still difficult times, and I encourage you to support them in any way you can.

Please join us, as we work to change the world one child and one community at a time.

Kind regards,

Brenden Hoy



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Our members and friends have made pillowcases, stuffed animals, book pillows & crib pads for hospitalized children in Michigan.

We have made 1,480 pillowcases in the last five years.

To Learn More about our Pillowcase Project and other Kiwanis Activities Visit us on Facebook at Woodhaven Kiwanis

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#### Did you know the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven hosts a movie for children with autism and their family annually?



April is Autism Awareness month. It is estimated that one in every 40 children is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than childhood cancer, invenile diabates, and pediatric Aids combined. Children

juvenile diabetes, and pediatric Aids combined. Children with autism and their families have been invited to the



movies which have been held at local theaters. The movie is shown with lights on, the sound lowered, and the doors open. Families are free to come and go as they wish.

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Annually, Woodhaven Kiwanians invite your fourth graders to participate in our annual Kiwanis Fourth Grade Essay contest. Our contest has two goals.

First, to encourage students to build their persuasive writing skills. Secondly, we would like to encourage students to have a better understanding of charitable giving within our community. This year's topic is as always, If I had \$100<sup>∞</sup> to donate to a charity, I would choose because

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Students at Bates School show off the Books the Woodhaven Kiwanians donated for Reading month.

Book were donated to all Elementary Schools in both the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District and the Trenton School District.

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Each Fall, the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven participated in An Apple for Ryan Food Distibution.

This year, due to Covid,

we purchased \$5,000 in non parishable food items to deliver to six Downriver Food patries to meet the growing needs of our Community.





It is our privilege to invite to a Woodhaven Kiwanis Meeting. It will provide you the opportunity to learn more about our favorite service organization in our Community.

Due to Covid-19 we are currently meeting at Faith Lutheran Church for a shortened meeting. Our meeting is also on Zoom for members and guests not comfortable with in-person meetings at this time. We meet at Faith Lutheran Church from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Our organization is a true cross section of our community. Our members range from students, professionals to retirees. Our entire membership has a vested interest in improving the quality of our Woodhaven-Brownstown Community.









Principal - Cherie Godfrey

#### Our Vision:

"Learning and Leading for Tomorrow"

Check out our website "www.woodhaven.k12.mi.us Kindergarten/Young Fives packets available. School of Choice is also open

"Engage. Enlighten. <sup>Je.</sup> Empower"

**Our Mission:** 



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