

Fayetteville Kiwanis Club Projects and Activities

Our Kiwanis club participates in a variety of projects throughout the year that involve fundraising, community service, and assisting children locally and worldwide. Additionally, we have speakers at our weekly meetings to explore topics of interest to the membership. We engage in a number of social activities to share experiences, talents and our collective interests. All represent great opportunities for service, friendships and personal growth.

Below are the projects and activities in which we are currently involved:

Reading Is Fun

Focus: 4 and 5-year-old pre-schoolers

Over 4,000 books are distributed to children enrolled in the Head Start and Chapter One programs. Members of this committee read to the children and donate books to them.

Youth Baseball

Focus: 10, 11, and 12-year-olds

The Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville, in conjunction with the Fayetteville Department of Parks and Recreation, sponsors teams in the Honeycutt League. Kiwanians coach many of the teams, provide announcers, and sell, purchase and erect outfield advertising signs.

Terrific Kids Program

Focus: Kindergarten through 6th grade

This is the largest Terrific Kids program in the world. Members of the committee present over 31,000 Terrific Kids awards each year. This program promotes self-esteem by encouraging and then rewarding good behavior with bumper stickers, pencils and bicycles. Kiwanians work closely with teachers who select Terrific Kids twice a month.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The club has been “ringing the bell” for the Salvation Army at Christmas time since the early 1960’s. We have had extraordinary success in the last few years while manning the kettle at the Cross Creek Mall. We have been the top group in terms of money raised for the last four years running topping \$3,500 each year!

Scholastic Achievement

Focus: Middle School students

The club encourages and rewards scholastic achievement. Club members present certificates and pins to students who earn top academic records. Each year, several scholars are asked to address the club at a regular meeting.

Farm City Week

The Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville’s Farm City Week is an event by which the Kiwanis Club honors our agricultural community for their production of the most cost effective and safest food supply in the world. Our annual luncheon is held on the Friday before Thanksgiving each year.

This event has been so well received by the entire agriculture community that presently we have the annual meeting at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center to accommodate a larger audience. The community leadership is recognized, recent nominees to the Cumberland County Agriculture Hall of Fame inducted, and door prizes of cakes, pies, hams and turkeys are given. Special guests have included NC Commissioner of Agriculture, Jim Graham; Congressman Charlie Rose; Farmer’s Market Manager, Charlie Adams and National Agriculture Broadcast Hall of Fame member, Ray Wilkinson with his famous “Cecil & Leonard” stories. This event honors our farmers and farm families for their work and commitment to feed our state, nation and the world!

Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville Endowment Fund

In 1999, the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville undertook a long-lasting project that will help future generations of Kiwanians and Fayettevillians. The club began their own, local endowment fund. With the help of the Cumberland Community Foundation, the Board of Directors pushed to begin building a local fund called the “**Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville Endowment Fund**” that would grow as a result of the hard work and generosity of Fayetteville Kiwanians.

The goal is simple, to create a local foundation fund whose money will grow to create annual interest payments that will supplement the \$100,000.00 a year that the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club raises and gives back to the community.”

Reverse Car Raffle

Focus: Funding other projects

Kiwanians sell hundreds of tickets and procure hundreds of door prizes each spring for this fund-raiser. The night of the big event, attendees enjoy fun, food, and fellowship while tickets are drawn until one big winner is left, taking home a new car! This event raises about \$24,000 each year for the many projects we fund.

Golf Tournament

Focus: Funding other projects

Each fall, our popular golf tournament raises money for a worthy cause. We support the Child Advocacy Center, a place where community agencies come together to address child abuse and provide support for abused children.

Financial Support

The Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville also donates thousands of dollars in grants to organizations w
The following is a partial list of recipients currently and in the recent past:

- Cape Fear Regional Theatre
- Cumberland County Education Foundation
- Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council
- Carolinas District of Kiwanis Foundation
- Child Advocacy Center
- Cross Creek Linear Park
- Fayetteville Linear Park
- Fayetteville Urban Ministry
- Fayetteville Technical Community College Book Fund
- FTCC Future Seekers
- Kiwanis International Foundation
- Lake Waccamaw Boy's Home