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KIWANIS' AKTION CLUB RECEIVES COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD
ANCOR Foundation Honors Community Integration for People With Disabilities

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The ANCOR Foundation is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2013 Community Builder Award is Kiwanis International's Aktion Clubs. The Community Builder Award recognizes individuals and organizations that make inclusivity and community integration a reality for people with disabilities. Aktion Clubs offer adults with disabilities opportunities to serve their communities while developing leadership skills.

“The power of the Aktion Club experience is that it gives members a chance to elect officers, run meetings, plan service projects and feel the fellowship that comes from a group devoted to serving others,” said John Shertzer, chief programs officer for Kiwanis International. “We’re honored to receive the Community Builder Award from the ANCOR Foundation and are grateful for this recognition of our work.”

Aktion Clubs engage adults with disabilities in planning and executing service projects in their communities. Club members learn by doing, developing leadership and decision-making skills, organization and teamwork. Most important, they demonstrate their interest and ability in becoming active members of their communities. There are more than 11,000 Aktion Club members worldwide.

“The success of the Aktion Clubs demonstrates that people with disabilities can be not only active in their communities, but *leaders* in their communities,” said Bill Tapp, president of the ANCOR Foundation. “We’re pleased to lift up the Aktion Clubs as an example of how this can be achieved.”

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About the ANCOR Foundation

The ANCOR Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization created with the mission to build the commitment and capacity of community disability service providers and communities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. The Foundation supports a variety of leadership development and training efforts and honors individual leadership in the industry with its Legacy Leaders Circle awards. It also recognizes individuals, organizations and communities that promote choices and inclusion for people with disabilities through the annual Community Builder Awards.

More information about the ANCOR Foundation can be found at www.ancorfoundation.org.

About Kiwanis

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for university students, Key Club for students age 14–18, Builders Club for students age 11–14, Kiwanis Kids for students age 6–12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, dedicate annually more than 18 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 600,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas. For more information about Kiwanis International, please visit www.kiwanis.org.