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KIWANIS CLUBS WORLDWIDE CELEBRATE 96th BIRTHDAY

INDIANAPOLIS — Kiwanis International is celebrating its 96th birthday today. The first Kiwanis club was chartered Jan. 21, 1915, in Detroit, Mich. Today, Kiwanis has grown to more than 8,000 clubs and nearly 600,000 members in 80 countries.

“We’re very proud of the past year and moving full speed ahead in our 96th year to continue serving the children of the world,” said Sylvester Neal, Kiwanis International president.

Kiwanis International, headquartered in Indianapolis, provides numerous opportunities for people to get involved and numerous benefits to members—friendship, fellowship, business networking—in addition to the service Kiwanis provides to children and communities.

Kiwanis International also includes Circle K International for university students; Key Club International for students age 14-18; Builders Club for students age 11-13; K-Kids for students age 6-12; and Aktion Club, for adults living with disabilities.

In 2010, Kiwanis announced The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus (MNT). Kiwanis is partnering with UNICEF to raise US\$110 million by 2015 to fill the funding gap required to eliminate MNT.

The Eliminate Project’s campaign leadership team was recently appointed, instating Randy DeLay as chairman, and Dave Curry, Sue Petrisin and John Button as vice chairmen. The

leaders will build a worldwide team of more than 9,000 campaign leaders to mobilize Kiwanis' nearly 600,000 members to raise needed funds to defeat MNT.

Other Kiwanis International programs include Kiwanis One Day, the first Saturday in April, when Kiwanis and its family of clubs join forces with their communities for a day of hands-on service, and Read Around the World, which encourages members to share with children the joy of books—from reading with them to getting them books of their very own.

ABOUT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL:

Kiwanis International is a global organization of members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs—nearly 600,000 members strong—annually raise more than \$107 million and dedicate more than 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children. Members of every age attend regular meetings, experience fellowship, raise funds for various causes and participate in service projects that help their communities. Members also make an impact throughout the world by participating in Kiwanis International's new global campaign for children, The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus.

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