
2023- 2024

ANNUAL REPORT



FINAL MESSAGE FROM 2023-24 PRESIDENT



October 21, 2024

Dear Members of the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham,

As my term of club President ends, I find myself reflecting on the journey we have taken together— one rooted in the trust and confidence you placed in me when I first asked for your support. Being one of only a few women and the first African American woman to lead this distinguished club has been a profound honor, and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to make history alongside you within the largest Kiwanis club in the nation.



When I was installed, I put forth a triadic strategic vision to initiate **Transformative** programming, to **Magnify** the Kiwanis mission, and to **Accelerate** our membership. These aspirations were not mine alone. They were the collective hopes of all who believed in the power of Kiwanis to change communities through impactful service. Together, we have turned this vision into action, and dreams into reality for the communities we love and serve, improving countless lives through our shared commitment as members. Guided by a mission that has shaped us for over 100 years, and driven by a belief in innovation and growth, I am filled with hope for the bright future of our club as I pass the gavel.

In passing this symbol of leadership, I also pass along an excitement to welcome the guidance of our new President Andrew Nix, as he accepts this mantle of service. I wish him the utmost success as we all work to advance our club's status as the foremost civic group in Birmingham. As I transition out of leadership, I do so with pride knowing that Kiwanis will continue to thrive for another century, because it is steered by the unwavering commitment of members like you.

With gratitude for the past and boundless hope for the future,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Morant Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive.

TRACEY MORANT ADAMS, PhD.

2023-2024 President, Kiwanis Club of Birmingham

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Community Development & Corporate Social Responsibility Officer, Renasant Bank

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2023-24 President Dr. Tracey Morant Adams passes the gavel to 2024-25 President Andrew Nix



2023- 24 Board of Directors discussing strategic priorities

VULCAN AT 120



MAGNIFYING THE MISSION OF BUILDING BY SERVING.

We celebrated Vulcan's 120th birthday as the presenting sponsor of the "Vulcan at 120" gallery exhibit at Vulcan Park & Museum. The partnership with Vulcan spans nearly a century, originating with our inaugural president, J. Mercer Barnett. Under his leadership, Kiwanis crafted a comprehensive park plan. A decade later, Kiwanians united to secure funds to relocate Vulcan to Red Mountain. In honor of our Centennial, Kiwanian invested nearly six million dollars to revitalize the back entrance, establish the Kiwanis Centennial Plaza, develop the Kiwanis Vulcan Trail, and illuminate this monument with light shows that are a lasting gift to the city. We anticipate future opportunities to strengthen our partnership to ensure that Vulcan remains an enduring source of pride and inspiration for generations to come.

MAGNIFYING OUR MISSION BY BUILDING READERS

BOOKS NOT BULLETS

Books inspire. They can also build relationships and community. The Kiwanis Club of Birmingham and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office are partnering to build a stronger, safer community and to foster a love for reading through Books Not Bullets. The program was started several years ago by Kiwanian and Sheriff Mark Pettway. Kiwanis is now the program's sponsor and will provide hundreds of books annually for Jefferson County deputies to distribute on patrol. It's an opportunity to build positive relationships between the deputies and the families they serve. It's also a chance to help children build home reading libraries and foster a love for reading.

The first 200 books were donated at the September 16, 2024 meeting. Another 100 books will be gifted in October.



KIWANIS READS

A new chapter started for our preschool reading program with the addition of six Birmingham City Schools pre-K sites. Kiwanians read and distributed books to children in 13 schools, including new sites at Avondale, Epic, Glen Iris, Norwood and Tuggle Elementary Schools.

"The boys and girls have been excited to have members of the Kiwanis Reads program read to them," said Arlene Williams of Birmingham City Schools. "Through reading aloud, vocabulary is introduced, fluency in reading is demonstrated, expressive reading occurs and most important to me the demonstration of reading for pleasure occurs."

Kiwanis Reads was selected by the Alabama District of Kiwanis to represent Alabama at Kiwanis International. It also received recognition from Charles Hard Elementary for annual Santa visits and toy donations. The program will expand again to include more Birmingham schools and another 300 students.



**530
CHILDREN**



**1,060
BOOKS**



**47
READERS**

AND BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Club awarded \$21,000 in scholarships to nine students from Jefferson and Shelby Counties who have excelled academically and who are serving our community. Katie Smith of Hewitt-Trussville was named Overall Scholar, and Jacari Dillard of Ramsay was awarded the Legacy Scholarship in honor of late Kiwanian Harry Brock Jr., a founder of Central Bank (now PNC). Harry also founded three charitable foundations, including the Birmingham Kiwanis Foundation.

At the event, the first Legacy Award recipient, Rylen Dempsey, now a freshman on the University of Alabama Dean's List, shared with Kiwanian and fellow Youth of the Year Scholar Anoop Mishra, "The Kiwanis Club of Birmingham opened doors that were otherwise inaccessible and lowered the threshold for me to attend college through relational and financial support. With your support, I have been able to build a wonderful community, pilot innovative ideas on campus, grow in knowledge, and, in the future, leave Tuscaloosa better than I found it."

Past recipients include U.S. Senator Doug Jones, Past Kiwanis President and Bradley Partner Matt Lembke, and Diplomat Dr. Keith Anderton.



Scholars (l to r): Riley Pierce of Altamont, Wyatt Williams of Vestavia, Sofian Laouzai of Jefferson County IB, Shuntasia Williams of Wenonah, Katie Smith of Hewitt-Trussville, Jacari Dillard of Ramsay IB, Hedia Price of Mortimer Jordan, Radhika Pant of ASFA, Elaina Burt of Briarwood with President Dr. Morant Adams and Chairs Susana Schuler and Jerry Kelly



"The scholarship helped me pursue opportunities in college without worrying as much about costs.

I went on a summer study abroad course in Europe that influenced my interest in the energy industry." ~Nathan Ng (2017), Wood Mackenzie Data Analyst



"The Kiwanis Youth of the Year scholarship allowed me to pay for room and board as well as books for class. Being able to pay these fees allowed me to be comfortable and carefree during my first semester in college. Being carefree allows

me to focus all of my attention on my school work instead of being tormented by the uncertainty of paying for college." ~ Markelle Scott (2023), Melton Scholar & researching melanoma cancer cell lines at Auburn's Harrison College of Pharmacy

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Kiwanians are using their leadership experience and dedication to the community to inspire another generation of leaders. Kiwanis Past Secretary Allison Nanni and Kiwanian Anne Rygiel served as advisors to the club's sponsored Key Clubs at Mountain Brook and Ramsay High Schools. They also helped Altamont charter a Key Club. Louis Willie IV provided support to the UAB Circle K Club. These Kiwanians are helping these students serve, build character and develop leadership skills.



ALTAMONT KEY CLUB

Meet our newest Key Club! The Altamont School club was re-chartered in July 11, 2024. President Lauren Prince (*center*) and Faculty Advisor JoAnna Laney (*far left*) were presented with the charter and gavel at the August 13 meeting by Past President Robert Aland. There were 23 founding members. By the club's first official meeting, the roster had grown to 71 students.

KEY LEADERS

The Club sponsored Alabama District Key Club Governor Allison Jones at the Key Club International Convention in July.

"I gained a wealth of knowledge and insight into leadership and community service. The convention offered an array of workshops and seminars focused on developing leadership skills, promoting effective communication, and organizing impactful service projects. I learned innovative strategies for fostering team collaboration and enhancing the overall impact of our club's initiatives," said Jones.



UAB CIRCLE K

Kiwanians had a chance to hear from Sumaira Quraishi, the UAB Circle K president, during Circle K week. As has been the case for many organizations, she said membership declined post COVID. Her team was working to change that by fostering relationships through the Alabama Leadership Academy and Alabama District Convention, as well as collaborating with UAB on more university events.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

In its 91th year, the Athletic Awards honored 18 high school seniors from Jefferson and Shelby Counties and one team for their dedication to athletics. The students had the opportunity to hear from ESPN reporter and former Rutgers gymnast Lauren Sisler about overcoming adversity. Kiwanian and Olympic Gold Medalist Diver Jennifer Chandler assisted Athletic Awards Co-Chairs Jay Kasten and Tom Lamkin by handing out the awards.

THE COACH'S CHOICE AWARD

Korey Harper of Hewitt-Trussville High School was honored with the Coach's Choice Award in honor of longtime Kiwanian and Athletic Awards Chair Dr. Don Englebert. Korey was the Girls Basketball Student Assistant Coach and Director of Basketball Operations. Korey coordinated practice scheduled and managed film and statistics, as well as social media accounts. The team's coach describes him as "the backbone of the program. He demonstrates exceptional organizational skills and leadership qualities."



WILLIAM LEGG ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award honors a senior athlete who excelled in sports and academics while investing in our community. Simone Christian McCray of Jefferson County IB received the honor. The Girls Volleyball Team captain received the Alabama High School Volleyball Coaches Association All-State Honorable Mention while maintaining a GPA of 3.8. She completed a work study at Williams Blackstock Architects and volunteered for the Salvation Army.

FRED SINGTON AWARD

The award went to the Clay-Chalkville Football Team. The Cougars led by Coach Stuart Floyd concluded their regular season 14-0 and regionals 6-0 winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association 6A State Football Championship. The team captains accepted a newly designed championship ring trophy.



MAGNIFYING OUR MISSION BY BUILDING COMMUNITY

BIRMINGHAM KIWANIS FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Birmingham Kiwanis Foundation Grants Review Team chaired by Past Presidents Donna Smith and Ann Florie received more than \$126,000 in grant requests from local organizations serving children. Twelve organizations received a total of \$55,000 to help continue our Club's legacy of serving our community's children. The funds were distributed in July to:

- **The Bell Center** to purchase an external stander, a therapy tool to assist children who cannot stand or are delayed in their ability to stand
- **Better Basics** to fund books for 379 Jefferson County children through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- **College Choice Foundation** to provide staff support for student essay training and individual essay planning
- **Down Syndrome of Alabama** to support the pilot of a new tutoring program called EDGE UP
- **Levite Jewish Community Center (LJCC)** to provide the opportunity for 10 children with physical and/or developmental disabilities to attend summer camp
- **The Lovelady Center** to provide afterschool and enrichment activities for children living at the center
- **Mothers' Milk Bank of Alabama** to support at least 20 medically fragile infants
- **The Morgan Project** to allow at least 35 high school students and 15 chaperones to participate in the Conflict and Courage bus tour
- **Oasis Counseling** to provide mental health care for 71 adolescent girls
- **Preschool Partners** to pay for LAP Birth to Kindergarten curriculum
- **Smile-A-Mile** to cover programming for four children diagnosed with cancer this year and their families
- **STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading)** to cover 500 books for second graders participating in the program

Annually, grant applications open in late spring with recipients notified by June.



Nonprofit leaders gathered for the grant check presentation on Tuesday, July 9, 2024

OUR IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF FAMILIES

The impact and reach of the \$35,000 in 2023 Foundation grants in 2023 seven local nonprofits serving children exceeded initial goals. More homeless families were provided shelter. There was a 39% increase in the Jones Valley Teaching Farm Food Delivery Program to Birmingham students. Additional volunteers were trained to help children with serious illnesses. Here's a snapshot of the impact:



THE BELL CENTER

Three laptops to loan graduate student teachers completing clinical work at the center



BUILD UP

Kiwanis Outdoor Construction Training Lab for an outdoor training space at Titusville campus



FAMILY PROMISE OF BIRMINGHAM

Housing for 32 homeless families



HAND IN PAW

Training for 15 volunteers to provide therapy for children with serious illnesses at no cost to families



JONES VALLEY

Support for the Food School, food delivery, and job training, as well as free produce and seedlings



MAGIC CITY ACCEPTANCE ACADEMY

A four intensive mentoring and shadowing events



OASIS COUNSELING

First session of professional counseling for 57 children and teens



PRESCHOOL PARTNERS

28 books for each student to create a home reading library



BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

The Birmingham Business Hall of Fame returned to a luncheon at The Harbert Center for the 26th event on Tuesday, August 20. Three new leaders who helped shape our city and build a stronger community were inducted.

“All of our nominees have touched Birmingham in different ways, and I’m super proud that we get to celebrate that,” said Co-Chair Catherine Crosby.

“We want our contributions to make an impact,” said Co-Chair Billy Forbes.

Bob Dickerson also co-chaired the event along with Honorary Chair Past President and Past Inductee J. Mason Davis. More past inductees came to this sold out event, which garnered additional corporate support.

CLASS OF 2024

WILLIAM C. HULSEY
Arlington Properties

W. STANCIL STARNES
ProAssurance

ROBERT EARL KELLY
Kelly Road Builders
Kelly Natural Gas Pipeline



BBHOF Co-Chairs Bob Dickerson, Billy Forbes and Catherine Crosby with President Dr. Tracey Morant Adams and Honorary Chair J. Mason Davis



William C. Hulsey and Family

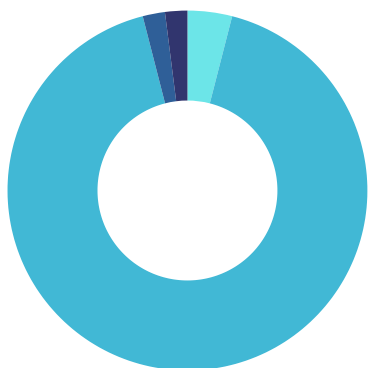


Robert Earl Kelly and Family



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KIWANIS FINANCIALS



CLUB REVENUE

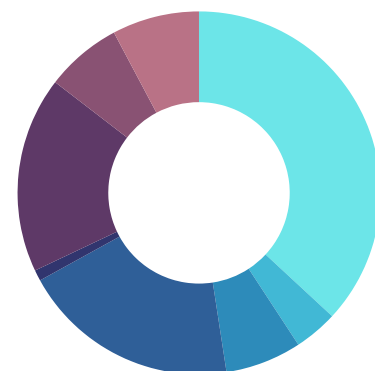
\$628,134

- 92%** Membership Dues \$577,956
- 4%** Birmingham Business Hall of Fame Sponsorships \$24,274
- 2%** New Member Initiation Fee \$14,000
- 2%** Other (Guest Meals and Interest Earned) \$11,904

CLUB EXPENSES

\$624,366

- 38%** Administrative \$236,461
- 20%** Meeting \$125,424
- 18%** Harbert Center (Rent, Civic Club Foundation) \$111,174
- 4%** Birmingham Business Hall of Fame \$25,693
- 8%** Kiwanis International & District \$46,660
- 7%** Member Services \$44,449
- 4%** Service Projects \$27,698
- 1%** Bad Debt \$6,807



BIRMINGHAM KIWANIS FOUNDATION

\$2,458,820 TOTAL ASSESTS

REVENUE

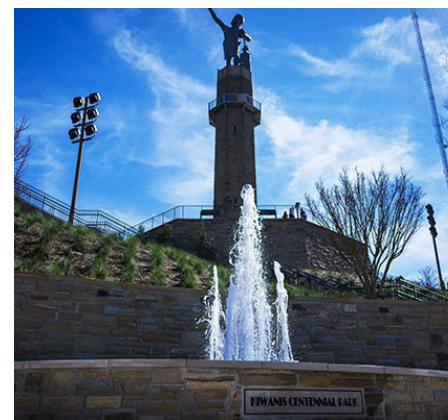
\$39,638.80

- \$37,277.60 Member Gifts
- \$2,100 Memorial Gifts
- \$261.20 Checking Account Interest

EXPENDITURES

\$103,000

- \$58,000 in community and small grants
- \$20,000 Centennial Plaza Fountain Maintenance
- \$25,000 Additional Vulcan support



****All Foundation expenditures come from the corpus. Its spending rate formula is "The three (3) most recent fiscal years' ending values will be averaged and then multiplied by 4% to provide the grants committee with the annual target."**



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