

# Getting involved with the KFam

## THE SIX BRANCHES OF KIWANIS

**K-Kids** is the branch of the Kiwanis Family that is associated with **elementary school kids**.

**Builder's Club** is the branch of the Kiwanis Family that is tailored to **middle school (junior high school) students**.

**Key Club** is the branch of the Kiwanis Family that focuses on **high school students**. They are the largest branch of the Kiwanis Family (with over 250,000 members). Structurally, this is the youngest branch to have a student-led leadership similar to that of Kiwanis International.

**KIWIN'S** is the **32nd District of Key Club International**. They were created to provide women the opportunity to serve their community. Most KIWIN'S merged with Key Clubs, but CNH KIWIN'S still remains.

**Circle K International (CKI)** is the branch of the Kiwanis Family for **college students**. They perform more service hours per member than any other branch in the Kiwanis Family. CKI was also the first branch to allow women into their organization. Kiwanis International followed suit several years later.

**Kiwanis International** is the parent organization of all the branches in the Kiwanis Family. **Anyone that is over 18** can join Kiwanis.

**Aktion Club** is the branch of the Kiwanis Family for **adults with disabilities**. They are the fastest growing branch within the Kiwanis Family.

## POSSIBLE SERVICE PROJECTS

- Host a Serve-a-thon, where everyone comes together to perform various kinds of service projects
- Make kits to donate for the less fortunate
- Host a donation drive across all the different schools
- Write letters to children in hospitals

## COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS

It is important to reach out and communicate with other branches of Kiwanis!! By branching out and creating new bonds, it is a great way to **learn new perspectives** as well as **gaining advice** from those different than us. Make sure to **reach out** to them by **emailing** them or contacting them through **social media**!! Do not be afraid to reach out as they are always ready to help.

Most clubs have a sponsoring Kiwanis or local Kiwanis club that they can **partner up for events**!! Start there and make your way around the different branches. Kiwanians are the foundation of this organization. They have the most knowledge and resources to help us connect to others.

In the CNH District, there are 73 colleges that have a Circle K. **If you check on the CNH Circle K website, they have a list of college campuses that have a Circle K** (<https://www.cnhcirclek.org/our-clubs/>). **Do not be afraid to ask them if they want to work on a service project together.** Circle K's also hosts Key To College every year to inform Key Clubbers about college and applications, so see if your local Circle K is hosting one!!

If you have a K-Kids or Builder's Club, **try to visit them** and offer them advice. If you want to start one, contact your Kiwanis to help make that happen.

**If you are unsure of the local branches in your community, do not be afraid to ask your lieutenant governor!! They can help exchange contact information and set up possible events.**

## TIPS AND TRICKS

- **Start early!!** Planning events take time and you may need to fill out paperwork for larger events.
- **Promote, promote, promote!!** You want as many people to attend as possible.
- Make sure there is **time for socializing** because you want to get to know other branches more!!
- **Consider activities that works for you and the branch/branches you are collaborating with!!**

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCE :

[HTTP://RESOURCES.CNHCIRCLEK.ORG/DOCUMENTS/KFF/KIWANIS%20FAMILY%20EVENTS.PDF](http://resources.cnhcirclek.org/documents/kff/kiwanis%20family%20events.pdf)