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BUILDERS CLUB ELIMINATE WEEK

What's left to do? Builders Clubs around the world participated in Eliminate Week activities last week to raise funds and awareness for The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. Every US\$1.80 donated will protect one woman and her future babies. And, with millions of women in remote locations of 30 countries still needing to be immunized, the efforts of your Builders Club are crucial to saving lives.

There are just two more important final steps to complete your efforts for Eliminate Week:

1. **Get recognized.** Tell us about your project by completing this [easy form](#) to receive a participation patch for your club.
2. **Send in your donation.** Make your check payable to The Eliminate Project (be sure to write your club name, club number and "Eliminate Week" on the check) and mail to:

The Eliminate Project: Campaign office
 Kiwanis International Foundation
 3636 Woodview Trace
 Indianapolis, IN 46268 USA



If you are still looking for project ideas, check out the [online resources](#).

Thank you so much for your support. If you have any additional questions, please email us at campaign@TheEliminateProject.org.

Builders Club contest winners: Coming soon



It's time to reward all of that hard work in Builders Club! Annual contest winners for best speaker, leader, essay and scrapbooks will be announced near the end of May. These awards can help you get to know the Kiwanis leaders of the future and let their winning ideas enhance your own club. Awards will be judged on Thursday, May 16, by Kiwanis International staff.

Help honor the achievements of local Builders Club members by offering to hand out awards or acknowledge their efforts at an upcoming meeting. Keep an eye out at district convention for award displays too. You'll also find the winning contest entries on the [Builders Club YouTube channel](#), the [Builders Club Facebook page](#) or the [Builders Club contests webpage](#). Let their hope for the future inspire yours, too.

BC Wire break: See ya in August!

This will be the last edition of the BC Wire until August. Have a great break! We'll see you at the end of summer with some excellent tips and ideas to start the school year off right with your Builders Club!

Setting goals and making progress: Get the latest stats on May 23

How are we doing in our efforts to raise funds to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus? Find out the latest stats and district goals for continued success during **Worldwide Report Day on May 23, 2013.**

Kiwanis districts around the world are setting fundraising goals for The Eliminate Project. On Worldwide Report Day, campaign volunteers will call Campaign Chairman Randy DeLay and report their goals as well as current fundraising progress.



Throughout the day, we'll update the [Worldwide Report Day webpage](#) and share special messages from the campaign chairman and districts. Join from your computer or phone as we showcase our progress—district by district—to the world and celebrate the strides we've made toward our US\$110 million goal.

BE BIG Fund community grants

The [BE BIG Fund](#) raises awareness for how ideas such as sharing, responsibility, kindness and helping others, can make the world a better place. The BE BIG Fund supports the annual BE BIG In Your Community Contest.

Bring your BIG IDEA to life! If you have a BIG IDEA that demonstrates [Clifford's BIG Ideas](#), let us know! The BE BIG Fund can help bring your winning idea to life with the help of Scholastic, HandsOn Network and, of course, Clifford! The 5th Annual [BE BIG in Your Community Contest](#) is open NOW! Enter now for the chance to bring your big idea to life with a \$5,000 community grant. Other prizes consist of 5 \$1,000 first prize grants. Remember, it only takes a little to BE BIG! The deadline for submissions is June 23. Find more information [here](#).

Dates and deadlines

May 23 [The Eliminate Project Worldwide Report Day](#)
June 27–30 [Kiwanis International Convention](#)

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From books and articles to videos and personal interactions, different things inspire us every day. Every month, we share a few of those inspirations in the Idea Oasis. Here's what's new this month:

ARTICLE [Growing up autistic: My story](#)

"The main thing that helped me make friends that I could trust and enjoy was getting involved with clubs and organizations." —Trevor Parcelli

VIDEO [Building Leaders](#)

Looking for a video that lets others know what Builders Club is all about? [Here it is!](#)

AWARD [Jefferson Awards for Public Service Youth Service Challenge](#)

Be recognized for changing your world! The Jefferson Awards for Public Service is looking for people ages 5–25 who are involved in meaningful community service projects to sign up for the Youth Service Challenge. Projects may be recognized locally and nationally, and could receive cash prizes. Visit www.youthservicechallenge.net for more information and to register your project.

"I've always thought that a big laugh is a really loud noise from the soul saying, 'Ain't that the truth.'"—Quincy Jones

Have you stumbled across any interesting or inspiring articles, projects or videos lately? Send them to Abby James at ajames@kiwanis.org to be shared with the rest of Builders Club.

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Mark your calendar and plan to check out these upcoming Kiwanis webinars:

July 16: [Speeches from the Heart](#)

Whether you need to conquer the fear of public speaking or if you just want to make your speeches more memorable, we have some tips and tricks that are guaranteed to work. Learn how to deliver your message with the most impact... and leave your audience begging for more! [Click to register.](#)

July 30: [Connecting to your Community](#)

How connected are you to your community and its needs? If your club disappeared today, would anyone notice? Join us to learn how your club can become integral to your community's present and future. [Click to register.](#)

Aug. 13: [Share your Story](#)

Growing clubs focus on growth. Members actively look for opportunities to share their Kiwanis story with people they meet. Learn how your club's members can spread the word through printed materials,

websites and social media. [Click to register.](#)



"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we knew we could be." —Ralph Waldo Emerson