



DICTIONARY PROJECT

Each fall, the Twin City Area Optimist Club distributes more than 1,000 dictionaries to third graders in southern Jefferson County. In this age of "Google," we are told by area teachers that a paper copy of the dictionary is still invaluable. Students learn research skills as they use dictionaries to find correct spellings, definitions, and synonyms for words.

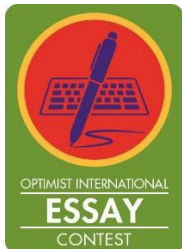
JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

The Twin City Area Optimist Club is proud to sponsor a Junior Optimist International Club. Junior Optimist members, who are ages 11-18, make their communities better - one service project at a time.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Twin City Area Optimist Club offers scholarship opportunities through essay and oratorical contests. Visit our website www.twincityoptimist.org for details.



Sponsorships

We continue to rely on the generosity of our community to support the Twin City Area Optimist Club in its service to our youth. Help us help the kids by sponsoring our club. Please send your check to the Twin City Area Optimist Club, P.O. Box 475, Festus, MO 63028. If you would like your donation of \$100 or more to be tax deductible as allowed by law, please contact Jean Naeger, TCA Marketing Chair, at 314-495-2822.

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Mission

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

How We Serve

The Twin City Area Optimist Club has numerous projects and programs serving southern Jefferson County. Here are just a few of the ways we serve our youth.



COATS FOR KIDS PROJECT

Our Coats for Kids project has been providing coats for children in need for more than 30 years. Each year, our committee chairperson coordinates the project through area school counselors. This season alone, the club has provided more than 300 coats. The requests keep coming in.

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LET YOUR OPTIMISM SHINE THROUGH

- The Twin City Area Optimist Club continues to create new opportunities to fund projects for the youth of our community. **Online raffles** have replaced in-person fundraisers during the pandemic. Annual sales of KOEZE nuts, and Oberle gift boxes have contributed to our financial health. The generosity of our members has helped to fill the gaps in revenue. The support of our annual sponsors allows the club to continue its service to youth.
- The club maintained social distancing by holding **community drive-through events**. Approximately 10,000 items were dropped off to benefit food pantries, Brenden's Friday Backpacks, and the Jefferson County Foster Children's Fund. The club provided 100 individual boxes of school supplies for the area Parents as Teachers Program. Nurses for Newborns benefited from the talents of our members as they knitted or crocheted little hats for newborns and donated items for Jefferson County parents.
- The club provided **monetary donations** to Kade's Playground, the Homeless Youth Initiative, Parents as Teachers, Mary's House of Hope, seven local food pantries, Shop with a Cop and Jefferson County Toys and More.

AUNT ROSE PROJECT

The Twin City Optimist Club has adopted the **Aunt Rose Project** as an ongoing mission. The need to provide sanitary products for



teenage girls living in foster care has become a project dear to our hearts. It is hard to comprehend the insecurity period poverty can have on these girls.

ART CONTEST



Twin City Area Optimist Club was thrilled to host its annual Art Contest which received about 300 entries by 200 local student artists from southern Jefferson County schools and home school students. Katie Deevers from Jefferson High School won Best of Show for her entry, titled "Grateful."

"I would like the viewers to look at my artwork and feel grateful for everything they have, no matter how little it is. Winning this contest helps me know that the meaning of the drawing came across to others who viewed it."

-Katie Deevers



SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES



Each Thanksgiving and Easter, five families are chosen by Head Start staff to receive several months of groceries and household supplies. Members provide five like items for baskets and cash donations. The club budget provides additional fresh food items for each family.

RESPECT FOR LAW



This project was created by Optimist International in appreciation and respect for our law enforcement community. Southern Jefferson County law enforcement agencies were honored for their service to the community.

HEAD START CHRISTMAS

In person Christmas parties were again canceled due to COVID-19, but area Head Start students still received their gifts including warm clothes, a toy, mittens, hat, sticker book, stuffed animal, books, toothpaste and toothbrush. Santa made an appearance via ZOOM.



The club will restart in-person fundraisers when it is deemed safe to gather in large groups. Until then, we rely on member and community support.