

## 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. Public events are back and we held successful Mouse Races in the fall, along with an online quilt raffle.
- Annual sales of KOEZE nuts and Oberle gift boxes contributed to our financial health.
- Members continue their generosity both financially and as volunteers.
- Annual sponsorships and grants allow the club to continue its service to youth.
- The club continued product drive-through events, benefiting Brenden's Friday Backpacks and the Aunt Rose Project.
- The club supports the Parents as Teachers program with school supplies.
- Members knitted and crocheted hats for infants and provided other essential needs to the Nurses for Newborns program.
- Five Head Start families received Thanksgiving and Easter food baskets.
- The club provided monetary donations to support other community projects, including the Homeless Youth Initiative, Mary's House of Hope and Jefferson County Toys and More, to name a few.



## AUNT ROSE PROJECT

The Twin City Optimist Club has adopted the **Aunt Rose Project**. 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 hosted its annual Art Contest which received more than 250 entries from about 200 local student artists from southern Jefferson County schools and home school students. Ava Elliott of De Soto High School won Best of Show for her entry, titled "Us."



## HEAD START CHRISTMAS

After a two year absence, Twin City Area Optimists returned to Head Start facilities for Christmas parties. This year, 107 children received a variety of gifts, including warm clothes, mittens, hats, stuffed animals, toys and more.



## ORATORICAL CONTEST

Olivia Drinen, a student at Senn-Thomas Middle School, won Oratorical Contest honors at the club and district levels. She received a total of \$3,000 in scholarships for her victories. "Participating in the contest was an incredible experience that taught me so many things," Olivia said. "I gained confidence and met lots of amazing people. It was truly a marvelous time!"



## 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.

