A Brief History

Under the leadership of Southwest District Kiwanis Governor, Carl F. Miller, the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation was formed in 1972. The Foundation was organized as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation to serve as an “umbrella” over the clubs of the Southwest District as a means of supporting projects that no one club could finance or accomplish by itself. One of the first projects was the establishment of Kamp Kiwanis as a youth camp for handicapped children. The Kamp is currently being used and maintained by the Kiwanis Family.
**Mission**

- To help develop young people who are self directed life long leaders and learners.
- To promote and provide the essential skills and positive leadership traits
- To provide a safe, healthy, and professional educational environment.
- To be a resource to empower good work ethics in young leaders
- To empower student leadership through partnerships with parents, youth groups, Kiwanis clubs in the Southwest District, Kiwanis and throughout the world, and individuals who want a productive future for our youth.

**Vision**

To build ethical productive leadership in young people and to help provide quality professional development and support in a fast changing world.

**SWDK Foundation Projects**

- Kiwanis Across Borders
- Student Recognition Program
- Scholarships— Bartoo, Skinner, Voc Ed., & Bob Kay
- Kamp Kiwanis—youth camp (ADA accessible), Kiwanis Family, and other groups
- Key Leader training

**SWDK Foundation Fundraising Initiatives**

1. Kachina and Turquoise Awards
2. Legacy Society
3. Sustaining Members
4. Individual and club donations

More information on our projects, donation forms and scholarship applications are available on our website listed on the front.

**How You can Help**

Our current big projects are finishing remodeling the Bathroom floors at Kamp Kiwanis and replacing the siding on the dorms. We are asking each Division and Club in the SW District to help us make the Kamp a more attractive, safer, and ADA compliant place for our youth and Kiwanis Family. We have replaced toilets, paved walking paths, replaced the water system, replaced Chapel siding and made the Chapel a conference/training room. With your help, we can continue to provide an amazing location for Kiwanis Family training and CKI Fall Rally! Please support your SWDK Foundation.

*Serving the children of New Mexico, Arizona, El Paso, and the world!*