



Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



The Board of Directors is proud to share our Mission and Vision Statement we updated in 2024. We are committed to improving the lives of youth in our community.

We thank you for your support of our Mission. We are pleased to share our 2024 results and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Chuck DeGooyer, President

Our Mission and Vision

The Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation aims to break the cycle of poverty by investing in the future of our youth.

Our Vision is to create a community where our youth can learn, dream, grow, succeed, and become productive citizens.

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The Foundation Awards 23 Scholarships Totaling \$50,000

The Foundation awarded 23 scholarships in May to graduating seniors from Kennewick and Finley high schools, including renewing some previous awards for another year. Scholarships ranged in value from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per student and the \$50,000 total was the largest ever awarded by the Foundation in one year. The Foundation plans to repeat that same amount in 2025.

The Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation has been blessed by a number of generous individuals and families who created endowed scholarships named for Red Rutherford, Don Anderson, George Jones, Henry Sauer, Walteen Corson, Art Carson, Rick Corson, Joan Rude, Wayne & Maureen Bell, Bob Woehler, and Edith Winkler. Many others contributed significant major gifts throughout the year so the Foundation can increase its number and value of scholarships.



Nancy and Hank Sauer present 2024 Scholarship Award to graduating senior.

FUN-Raiser “Experience” Raffle

The Foundation hosted its 4th Annual “Experience” Raffle in February at Zintel Creek Golf Club, raising \$14,500 to benefit KIDS in our community. Five unique destination “Experiences” in Arizona, Canada, Florida, Idaho, and Oregon, plus a \$1,000 cash prize were donated as raffle prizes for the event.

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Playground at Boys & Girls Club

In June, the Foundation and Kennewick Kiwanis Club celebrated the Kiwanis Playground Dedication at the Boys and Girls Club. The Foundation was awarded a \$258,000 WA State Capital Grant to build the playground that will greatly benefit kids living in the densely populated neighborhood near Amistad Elementary and Park Middle schools in Kennewick.



1st Annual Harvest Hoedown a Stompin' Success!

Looking to offer a fun, unique, and active fundraiser, the Foundation introduced its 1st Annual Harvest Hoedown in September! After enjoying a Texan meal of shredded beef, beans, corn, and salad, the attendees bid on silent auction items, exciting live auction items, and even raised their paddles to award a new \$2,500 scholarship!

Then the dancing began as we learned how to line dance and stomp our boots in unison to the music, having a great time raising \$17,000 for our scholarships and youth programs. It was such a success that we're already planning our 2nd Annual event.....

Stay tuned!



Upcoming Events

Scholarship Awardees Presentation – June 4, 2025

2nd Annual Harvest Hoedown – October 4, 2025

5th Annual “Experience” Raffle Kick-off – December 2025

Visit KennewickKiwanisFoundation.com for more information.



McKinnon's Make Impactful Planned Gift

Rick and Micki McKinnon, long time Kiwanians, are very kind and generous people who had successful careers, raised 4 children, helped numerous families in our community, and are now leaving something to make a difference for generations to come.

The McKinnon's modified their estate plan to include a \$120,000 planned gift to the Foundation when they tragically lost their son, Timothy Andrew, in late 2022.



They want him to be remembered through the great work of non-profit organizations in our community, like the Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation.

We are humbled and thankful for their generosity.

If you have interest in making a planned gift, an estate gift, or a gift as part of your Required Minimum Distribution, please contact Chuck DeGooyer at kennewickkiwanisfoundation@gmail.com.

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