Kiwanis Social Services Scholarship

Allen S. Browne in Indianapolis, Indiana founded Kiwanis International in 1915. This group is a thriving organization of community service-minded individuals who support children and young adults. There are more than 600,000 members in 76 different countries; they make their mark by responding to the needs of their community and pooling their resources in worldwide issues. The word Kiwanis comes from a local American Indian word Nunc Kee-wanis, which means “We get together” or “We trade.”

Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado approved the six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

Each year, the Kiwanis Club donates funding to the MSU Social Work Department for student scholarships.

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