

KIWANIS EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING FUND

(As approved by the PA Kiwanis Foundation Board on April 14, 2012 and the PA Kiwanis District Board on _____, 2012)

INTRODUCTION

In the 2009-10 year, the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International entered into a partnership with the Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission to help improve and advocate for quality early learning opportunities for all children age 0 – 5 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since that time various presentations, programs, tools and other initiatives have been undertaken and distributed to support this cause and goal. As the program has developed and expanded, the need for a fund in the District to further expand and enhance our efforts has become apparent and therefore, the Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Board has approved the concept of a Kiwanis Early Learning Fund and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation has agreed to establish a restricted fund within the Foundation for this purpose.

Description of Fund

The Kiwanis Early Childhood Learning Fund is a segregation of Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation's net assets temporarily restricted for supporting programs intended to foster and advocate, in a non-political fashion, quality early childhood learning opportunities, as defined from time to time. The fund is established to formally designate that Early Learning is an ongoing program of the Pennsylvania District and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation. All funds designated by donors for this purposes shall be deposited into this fund. This fund shall not be considered a permanently restricted endowment.

Solicitation of Contributions of the Fund

Solicitation of contributions for the Kiwanis Early Learning Fund shall be done in accordance with the general solicitation policy of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation. Any written materials for an appeal for gifts to the Fund must be approved by the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Board of Directors (or its designated committee or representative) and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Board of Trustees (or its designated committee or representative) and must include all required legal verbiage. Any fundraising event, solicitation campaign or appeal for contributions to be restricted to the Kiwanis Early Childhood Learning Fund must be approved in advance by the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Board of Directors and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Board of Trustees.

Fundraising efforts shall include:

1. A fundraising dinner
2. Pursuit of Educational Improvement Tax Credits
3. Encouraging clubs to make voluntary contributions for the Learning is Everywhere Guides and other guides that may be printed.
4. A club, individual Kiwanian and general public solicitation campaign.
5. Other efforts that may be developed and as approved in accordance with this document.

The Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Board of Trustees shall designate a representative(s) or a committee to organize and implement these fundraising efforts and all efforts will be in accordance with the policies and practices of this fund and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation. The Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Board of Directors may, if so desired, designate a representative(s) or a committee to work with the District representative(s)/committee on any and all fundraising efforts for the Fund.

Designating and Defining Program Funding for the Kiwanis Early Childhood Learning Fund

The Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Board of Directors shall designate or distribute funds in accordance with the following priorities.

- Early Childhood Learning objectives as designated by donors provided they meet current programs and objectives.
- Printing and distribution of Early Learning Guides
- Scholarships for parents to use to place their children in quality early learning settings
- Grants to help centers move into and through the Keystone Stars Program.
- Advocacy for and promotion of the need for Quality Early Learning and Pennsylvania Kiwanis efforts in that regard.
- Other initiatives as approved by the Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Board of Trustees and then submitted to and approved by the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Board of Directors.

Particular funding objectives shall be proposed timely to permit inclusion in the annual budgeting process of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation. Typically, the annual budget of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation is prepared in August and September and approved at the first meeting of each administrative year for the Foundation Board of Directors.