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Kiwanis Foundation of North Port Inc.

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Legal name of organization	Kiwanis Foundation of North Port Inc.	
Organization "also known as" name, if applicable	Kiwanis Club of North Port Foundation	
Organization name to be used in our communications if selected as a Finalist, if different than legal name.		
Organization's mission statement	Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.	
Initiative Title	Kiwanis Kids Clothing Closet	
Initiative Focus Area, first choice	Family	
Initiative Focus Area, second choice	Health & Wellness	
Is this initiative a collaboration with another nonprofit organization	No	

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With our history of serving hundreds of students on free and reduced lunch, foster care kids and students in need, our organization helps with the basic needs for these children and helps families in all 11 North Port schools. This proposed initiative will reopen the Kiwanis Kids Clothing Closet and expand availability for parents, teachers & children in need by offering everything from socks and underwear to school uniforms and work scrubs for young adults and parents re-entering the workforce.

To implement this initiative, we are asking for the \$108.000 Impact100 SRQ grant to help buy a portable unit to replace the brand new one that was destroyed on Sept. 28, 2022 by a tornado that came from Hurricane Ian. We were in a condemned building and just moved everything into the portable. We were to open with new clothing and school uniforms on Oct. 1. Then the hurricane hit. We lost everything.

This funding is essential for the achievement of these outcomes because without a portable building, Kiwanis must have Pop Up events in the heat and the threat of rain. The club participates at Awaken Ministry events, but it's not the same as always being open on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings for families, especially before back to school. Teachers call us when students come to school without underwear or the proper shoes for physical education classes.

The funds for the balance of the initiative come from a \$10,000 ABC Cares grant given to help replace the portable. The remainder is from a Kiwanis building fund.

Kiwanis expects to help an additional 1,500 families a year, especially from schools with a rising number of 65% or higher on free/reduced lunch. We will also measure gains by helping families still coming here from wartorn Ukraine. School social workers will call Kiwanis to get them emergency clothing.

To achieve all this, we will open a new portable and stock it with clothing, socks, underwear, scrubs and baby items. Our initiative will be sustained in funding through this grant and money saved by the club to reopen and enhance our mission.

II. INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION

Clearly describe the need you are addressing, the target population, your transformational initiative, and how it advances your mission in concise yet thorough detail. Provide sufficient information for the reviewers to understand the depth and breadth of your proposal.

community need and vou are addressing? Please provide supporting data. statistics and relevant facts.

What is the important For 30 years, the Kiwanis Foundation provided five free outfits for children in underserved areas of the city on Thursdays and Saturdays. The club target population that helps the police/fire departments with families suffering after a fire in the middle of the night. We help foster care agencies with caregivers who suddenly receive children who came to them with a black garbage bag with little clothing and no underwear or shoes. The club gave families from Ukraine clothing and household items to restart their lives in North Port. The club receives calls from school social workers saying a child is there without underwear or without a jacket when it's cold. Because the club had a building, it could respond 24 hours a day to these requests.

There's only 1 Goodwill here & no thrift stores. Many here don't like to donate there. Instead they give quality, used clothing to Kiwanis to give away free to the most needy in North Port.

The club only buys larger sizes or specifically for disabled students with special needs.

It worked so well for so long before Hurricane Ian destroyed it all. The club applied to the county to replace the building with the hurricane-designated money, but we were turned down.

For now, the club does Pop Up events to keep serving families. Some still donate, but the club doesn't have a lot of space like before to give away the clothing weekly or store it for schools like Glenallen Elementary (85% of kids on free/reduced lunch) or Lamarque with (65% free/reduced lunch) who regularly need underwear, socks, coats, school uniforms, supplies, etc.

We also help feed these kids at the end of the school year and have no space to store the items. We adopt these kids at Christmas, giving them toys, socks, sneakers & underwear.

Clearly describe in detail the transformational to meet the defined need and how it advances your organization's mission.

With a new portable building, Kiwanis can transform overnight from being reactive to proactive once again. The hurricane set us back by five years. Kiwanis had all brand new items stocked in the new portable building in initiative you propose September 2022. The new closet was to open Oct. 1, 2022. Then the hurricane wrecked North Port.

> The club immediately partnered with other groups like the Salvation Army while they were having give aways.

For months, the club also held weekly Pop Up events outside in the parking lot near the damaged portable on Sam Shapos Way in North Port. With the threat of rain & extreme heat, some members suffered heat stroke. Once-a-month, we participate in the Awaken Ministries giveaway. We also do the city's back to school event. We give socks, underwear and supplies to kids in need.

We store items in our garage, cars, storage units, a trailer. It takes us much longer to prepare for give aways because everything is everywhere. With a portable building, the club can get back to working 1 on 1 with pregnant women, single parents, foster families, teachers, counselors & the homeless.

During cold waves, the club stored blankets, socks & adult coats for the homeless. We delivered them to the shelter just as they open. Without a building, the club only give a handful of blankets and supplies because storage is such an issue. Sometimes we miss out on giving things we have to support children because those items are in one of six different places. In 30 years, it's never been like that before the hurricane.

With a single building for our racks, supplies, sorting spaces & storage, the club will be prepared for weekly visits from anyone in need and to keep helping schools & families in the community.

The club's mission is to improve the lives of the community, 1 child at a time. When you give a child clothing, school uniforms, some hygiene products/supplies and a prom gown or prom suit, it makes a real difference for them and their parents who can't afford it. It shows they matter.

What counties will the initiative benefit?

Sarasota

III. IMPACT

Impact 100 SRQ funds transformational initiatives that address a need, demonstrate measurable results, and broadly and/or deeply benefit the community or population it serves. If you are selected as a grant recipient, we will use this information to update our members on the impact of your initiative after it is implemented. Tip: This is your chance to clearly explain the benefits of your initiative. Tell us what difference your initiative will make and how significant it will be.

In what way will the proposed initiative change what you do today?

Will expand our current program services to a different population or component of the community

Specifically, what different population or component of the community will be served that you are not serving today and how many will be served?

As preschools open back up in the city, they will call Kiwanis for help. There are victims from other hurricanes or those who lost their job and who need help, but never needed it before. This would help at least 50 new families and more than 175 children each month.

What are the expected short- and long-term outcomes for the population served and/or the community at large? Please explain why these outcomes will be transformational and make a significant difference (on whom, for how long, how many and/or to what depth).

The short-term outcome is that Kiwanis alerts the regular givers who have been supportive of the Kids Closet for many years. This will bring an inventory of much-needed clothing to start helping families on a regular basis. The long-term impact is that Kiwanis is at the forefront of response to community emergencies like we've been before. During Covid-19, the club worked independently with families so they could get clothing. Then after the hurricane, the club handed out food and clothing through pop ups. Now, the club goes to event to do the same thing. The club hold community expos to educate families about health, pet evacuations before hurricanes. The club understands the community feels like it's in limbo without the Kiwanis to help on a weekly basis with so many "little things" that they have relied on us for three decades. One example is a mother of an autistic child needed a rocking chair. Normally, Kiwanis could put out a call for it and it would be donated and put in the building until the mom could come and get it. Now, it's burdensome to figure out where to put it or any valuable donations that we know a person in need could use. Kiwanis had household goods in the closet. It was always amazing that people didn't have the basics like dishes or silverware, that they could get from a visit to the closet.

In the 30 years, Kiwanis helped more than 45,000. In the past two and a half years, the club easily helped more than 2,200 people in need due to Hurricane Ian, the Ukraine war and newly homeless.

The club could go back to helping hundreds of families a month including those who donate or volunteer. We lost elderly volunteers who loved working with children and their parents each week at the closet helping them find clothing & supplies. Without a building, these volunteers couldn't sort & hang clothing.

Students and Key Clubbers (Jr. Kiwanians) who needed community service hours also volunteered there. They collect prom wear at the closet to help fellow students in need.

For the total expenses allocated to Impact100 SRQ for funding, explain how they will contribute to the achievement of the expected outcomes?

The grant will replace the new building that was totally lost with all of the new clothing and supplies inside it during Hurricane Ian. The building will enhance the Kiwanis' ability to help families twice a week, every week instead of twice a month or an emergency situation. The outcome of having a new building will immediately enhance the Kiwanis Kids Clothing Closet because large families used the closet. Single parents used it. They were struggling during the pandemic. Some were devastated by the hurricanes and haven't fully recovered. Some are picking food over buying underwear and shoes for their kids.

We were just notified that several preschoolers at Cranberry Elementary (with 55% free/reduced lunch) are coming to school without underwear. They asked Kiwanis to bring dozens of small-size underwear to help these students for the summer and the upcoming school year to meet these basic & immediate needs.

What specific data and/or metrics will you use to demonstrate measurable outcomes? The outcomes will be instant for 25% of those we help.

When a child has underwear and other basic needs met, they will do better in school. The club gives children supplies (for teens it's personal items like deodorant, toothbrush, pads) & don't have to share with siblings. The building will allow us to keep a batch of clothing for young adults or

parents who need to dress up for a job interview or for students who have band concerts, church functions or other events when a parent can't afford it, but the child needs it.

The building will have quality household goods that won't be discarded, but donated to help a new college student in need, a person who suffered a fire, a woman escaping domestic abuse.

The club helped a woman whose husband took all of the kids clothing and more for revenge. She received everything from bed sheets to school uniforms from us to rebuild her life.

The measurable outcomes are each story of someone who is struggling and receives help. We gave a grandma living in a hotel with her grandson clothing, supplies and rental resources. Shortly after, she got rental help and is good now.

IV. VIABILITY

Impact100 SRQ funds initiatives that demonstrate the organization's ability to deliver the expected results.

What actions will be taken to implement this initiative? When will they be taken, by whom and in what way?

Once the building is purchased, the club will solicit for new and used clothing. All of the racks that have been in storage will be displayed to hang infant clothing, boys and girls clothing and teen/adult clothes. There will be areas for shoes/sneakers and household items. There will be infant/toddler spaces for pack and plays, bath items, bottles and snacks. The club will get everything ready for a grand opening. The club will organize volunteers to work every Thursday and Saturday. The club will advertise everywhere. The club will get with all 11 North Port schools to send out information to struggling families. The club will partner with churches to collect socks and underwear to be ready for the opening. The club will work on getting school uniforms to help with the intense need at the four elementary schools. Once the portable is purchased and installed there can be a grand opening. In the mean time, the club can do the collections to ready for the opening. This can be done by the end of the school year and the club can spend the summer restocking for back to school. Otherwise, if it takes longer than the club will ensure it's ready for the new year.

All members will work on the initiative in one way or another. Some will get the students to begin volunteering hanging up the items. Volunteers will sort and hang the clothing. We've had volunteers waiting for years to begin coming to the closet regularly.

We will alert the community, foster agencies, police/fire departments that we are ready to continue the initiative we did prior to the hurricane severely impacting our programs.

After we have a building, the "heavy lifting" ends & helping others to the best of our ability is BACK where we belong!

Please share experiences that illustrate your ability to implement this initiative. Kiwanis helps when there is a need. For example: Jesus Loves You Ministry has portable showers they bring to the Educational Center during the Awaken Ministry giveaway. Kiwanis has been asked to collect towels, water shoes and clothing for the homeless. We can do it. But the items are in members cars, garages, the storage unit (which is foolish to pay a storage facility to store items we giveaway for free).

The club can accept small donations because of the lack of a building. With the portable, the club can solicit specific donations and get them immediately. They can be used for a cold snap and stored for the next one. The homeless used to receive free soap, shampoo and socks from the Clothing Closet on a weekly basis when we had a building, now it's sporadic. We meet the homeless in a park to give them items now. Prior to the hurricane, members helped the middle and high schoolers with boxes of feminine pads. Instead of giving them all at once, were stored and gave the out over several months. It was hugely helpful to these schools. Without a building, we don't have the extra space to help them.

V. SUSTAINABLTY

Impact100 SRQ funds initiatives that demonstrate organizational commitment to fund and support the initiative after the Impact100 SRQ funds are used.

Describe in detail your plan to provide the organizational support and necessary funding to sustain the proposed initiative after the Impact100 SRQ grant is fully expended.

Our strategy to sustain funding after the Impact 100 SRQ grant is relatively easy. The reason is because we are expanding a program that was extremely successful prior to Hurricane Ian destroying our building. Funding came from the Grandmother's Club of LaCasa, who bought underwear and we stored them for the schools. The AMVETS gave us \$500 annual checks to buy bras for teens in need. The club applied for grants to help buy school uniforms.

Those in the community who don't have grandchildren often told Kiwanis volunteers that they donate because they want to help local children in need. Sometimes they pick a specific cause driven by Kiwanis such as helping children in foster care. They will buy backpacks filled with supplies to replace that black garbage bag that kids sometimes show up to a new home. Then Kiwanis will give it to that child.

Kiwanis will also work at the local stadium to raise the \$8,000 annually needed to operate the Closet. Because there are no paid Kiwanis members, the financial need isn't great to run the program, it's having a stable, secure and large enough building to continue the program. Once we open the building, people (especially those trained to give) will reengage and help on a regular basis.

We anticipate getting several more ongoing donors because our program is so unique in North Port that people want to give because they believe in giving children the very basics like shoes, sneakers, socks, underwear & school supplies.

VI. TIMEFRAME, BUDGET, AND SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Initiative Timeframe

Impact100 SRQ grants will provide funding for initiative actions and activities within the 24-month grant period that begins when the Grant Agreement is signed by all parties. An Impact100 SRQ grant will only fund direct operating expenses. You will be required to submit paid invoices or other supporting documents to receive funds. All funding will be reimbursed on an as-spent basis.

When does the planned Impact100 SRQ funding of the initiative begin?

3/25/2026

When does the planned Impact100 SRQ funding of the initiative end?

11/30/2026

Link to Initiative **Budget Form**

To complete your application, you must download and complete this 2025 Initiative Budget Form here. This form is required to be filled out, saved as a PDF, and uploaded with your application to be eligible for an Impact100 SRQ grant. out and uploaded to your application for you to be eligible to receive an Impact100 SRQ grant. The linked form is an Excel file with embedded formulas to assist with accurate calculations. It includes two required worksheets: Source of Funds Initiative Expenses If you require additional rows, please contact grants@impact100srg.org to request a modified version of the form. Please note: examples of specific Initiative Budgets are available below. If any of these apply to your proposal, please review before completing the form. · An initiative with Budget Over Grant Example · An initiative with Capital Expense Example · An initiative with Staff Expense Example Please save your final version as a PDF file to upload it to the application.

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What is the total of the initiative expenses?

More than Impact100 SRQ Grant Amount of \$108,000

Describe the other will be used to cover the additional expenses and whether they are committed or pending. If pending, elaborate on your specific plan and for securing them.

Kiwanis received a \$10,000 grant from ABC 7 Cares after they learned the sources of funds that brand new portable was destroyed in Hurricane Ian. That grant was placed in a money market account while Kiwanis applied for the SRQ Grant for non-profits directly impacted by Hurricane Ian. The club didn't receive that grant, so the money is still there for a new portable. The club volunteers/works at the Cool Today Park Stadium for Spring Training to earn money toward a portable building. The club has \$6,875 saved and also in a money market fund to help with the building. The club will work during the 2026 season to be able to buy clothing, school uniforms, socks & underwear once the club learned it received the Impact Grant. In a anticipated timeframe perfect world, the club would receive the grant and then will get paid from working at the stadium all within a two-month time.

> Then the portable will be delivered and the club members can have clothing delivered to one place. The club can re-open to the public the way it was supposed to be before Hurricane Ian hit in 2022.

The club will be operational before the 2026 school year for any needy family.

If funds are committed, attach proof of those funds, such as letters of commitment from donors or from your Board of Directors, approved Board minutes confirming the allocation, and/or copies of checks verifying donated funds.

ABC Action News Gives Donation W-9 Request.pdf Kiwanis meeting and board meeting Wednesday August 7 at 6 pm at....pdf original 6d0dd763-edf2-4076-95b0-e3d136f4e0e4 20221107 111126.pdf

Budget Narrative

Describe in a line item requested on the Initiative Budget Form, including supporting calculations for expense estimates.

The portable building is 60x24 Modular, is estimated at 114,000.00. It will narrative format each be used to serve the community with basic needs including underwear. There is a delivery charge of \$ 1,005 and \$231.15 for delivery and fuel costs to bring it to North Port and install the building near where it used to be before it was destroyed in Hurricane Ian. The building is in one of the poorest areas of the City of North Port.

> The building must have a \$1,200 American's With Disabilities ramp/stairs to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers for any volunteers and residents we serve at the clothing closet each week.

> It will cost 6,000 for set up and to anchor the building in place. The total costs are \$ 124,872.30. The Impact grant is significant to the club replacing the portable building that will increase the club's ability to expand resources to families in need including fosters, grandparents raising grandchildren, (young) pregnant moms (sometimes with nothing), women escaping sexual assault and domestic violence. Ukraine war victims, single parents including men who can't get help elsewhere, and the homeless (including) children living in vehicles at the local Walmart parking lot or in the woods at Warm Mineral Springs.

> The club asked the contractor for a discount to help be within the grant and the budgeted amount the club has for a replacement portable building. The company said it believed in the Kiwanis mission and the "Small But Mighty" attitude and cut the fuel cost and delivery charge in half to the above amount.

> The club has \$10,000 from a grant to pay for a portion of the overage for the portable unit. The club worked at Cool Today Park to earn the more than \$6,850 needed to complete the purchase. The club has two other outlets to earn money needed to outfit the new portable including working 7 shows in Englewood at the circus. It pays at least \$2,000.

> The club also pays more than \$250 each month for two storage units. It costs the club more than \$3,000 a year, just for storage which also has all of our clothing racks, desk, chairs and limited clothing and school uniforms and supplies inside.

> So not having to pay all of that money will also ensure there's funding for the operation of the portable for electric and water and to outfit the rest of the inside of after it arrives.

Prior to the new portable, the club was operating out of a 55-year-old building that wasn't fit to repair, especially after the hurricane. Then the hurricane took our new portable. The club lost socks, underwear and clothing. They were all ruined when the roof ripped off in the hurricane. It was deemed unsafe and we weren't allowed in the unit for weeks.

Everything was wet, moldy & stinky.

Having sorting space and places for multiple clothing-rack displays in the portable will ensure the club is helping residents on a weekly basis like it had done for 30 years.

If any expense, other than personnel, is over \$10,000, attach a bid or quote from a 3rd party dated March 1, 2025 or later.

60x24 New Office Quote.pdf

Does the Initiative include capital improvements or renovations to property?

No

Required Supporting Upload all required documents. Financial Documents

Upload Complete Financial Statements, including Statement of Activities (Profit & Loss), and Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) audited if available, for most recent fiscal year

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Upload Complete Financial Statements, including Statement of Activities (Profit & Loss), and Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) audited if available, for year prior to most recent fiscal year

Kiwanis Financials 2023-24.pdf

Upload Interim Financial Statements since last completed fiscal year through March 31, 2025 or later, including Statement of Activities (Profit & Loss) and Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

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IRS Form 990s (if required) for most recent fiscal year filed

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IRS Form 990s (if required) for year prior to most recent year filed

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VII. GENERAL **INFORMATION**

Website www.kiwanisclubofnorthport.org

Street Address, City, P.O. Box 7222 North Port, Fl. 34287 State and Zip Code

Site Visit Address, if 5951 Sam Shapos Way, North Port, FL 34287 different from above

Executive Chris Street / Club president, not executive director - none in Kiwanis Director/Chief **Executive Officer's** Name Executive +19417401987 Director/Chief **Executive Officer's** Phone Number How many No employees - ALL volunteers since the Kiwanis was established in North employees does your Port in 1972. We didn't make more than \$50,000 in donations so we filed organization have? the IRS post card. How many volunteers 55 plus depending upon the service project. We have help from students and retirees. does your organization have? What counties do Sarasota you serve? List of current Board of Directors kiwanis letterhead template.pdf Yes Do you carry **General Liability** Coverage? Do you have Yes Director/Officer Liability Coverage. either as part of your **General Liability** Coverage or separately? Do you have an Anti- Yes Discrimination Policy?

Please upload an organization logo which can be used if you are selected as a Grant Finalist.

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Moldly clothing in damaged portable .pdf

Storing items in cars without a storage unit.pdf

Racks we have to roll out for Pop Up giveaways.pdf

Portable being set up days before Hurricane lan hit.pdf

Volunteers_of_all_ages_help_with_the_Kids_Closet.pdf

Longtime_volunteer_gets_socks_ready_at_Pop_Up_event.pdf

Kiwanis Pop up after losing the portable building.pdf

Awaken Event where Kiwanis gives out clothing wout our own building.pdf

Shoes damaged after lan wrecked the new portable.pdf

further explanation regarding the answers previously provided.

If necessary, provide North Port has always been different than other cities. We don't have a Salvation Army or Habitat store that gives vouchers to the poor for a job interview. Goodwill doesn't help locally, only vets.

> Our club will always work to fill basic needs and these gaps including those who lost everything in a flood to a woman whose ex-husband took the kid's clothing out of spite.

After three major hurricanes in 3 years, having large fundraisers in North

Port doesn't work.

Kiwanis must apply for funding to help replace the portable unit we lost and

enhance helping North Port children.

VIII. CONTACT **INFORMATION**

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Secondary Contact's Name	Chris Street

Secondary Contact's President, past secretary

Title

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I certify that the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer has thoroughly read and approves the content of this Application.

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IX. CO-APPLICANT COLLABORATION INFORMATION (if applicable)