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TO: KAY Sponsors, Presidents and Club Members

FROM: Cheryl Gleason, KAY State Director

# RE: 2014 KAY "AREA PROJECTS"

Once again this fall, an exciting activity will be taking place in the 6 KAY areas across the state.

The "**AREA PROJECT**" is a product of the area president meetings conducted at KAY Leadership Camp this summer. Camp delegates met with their area president and selected one of the KAY objectives or privileges to focus on. Discussion then took place on numerous service projects with the group then identifying an activity which they would challenge all clubs in their area to participate in locally before the fall regional conference.

The specific "**AREA PROJECTS**" for the fall of 2014 are:

- Area 1 APPRECIATION: Acts of appreciation directed towards our military personnel.
- Area 2 HEALTH: Projects that will benefit children with illnesses.
- Area 3 GIVE MYSELF TO A CAUSE: Projects focusing on illnesses at all age levels.
- Area 4 APPRECIATION: Acts of appreciation directed towards our military personnel & families.
- Area 5 GIVE MYSELF TO A CAUSE: Acts of appreciation and service to those in our community.
- Area 6 HEALTH: Service projects with/for kids that promote health and is fun.

There are many possibilities for each area project. Clubs are encouraged to identify an activity of their choosing that goes along with the area of service identified above. Please see the following page for ideas provided by campers.

A list of the KAY schools and their areas can be found on the KAY Web site (<u>www.kshsaa./org</u>). Area project information is also located on the KAY website.

The September area president newsletter (specific to your area) will provide additional information about your area project. All clubs are encouraged to participate locally in some way before your fall regional conference. As you will note in the September 15 regional conference materials, each club will be asked to make a poster to bring to the regional conference, showing how your club participated in this exciting activity.

As a KAY area **TEAM** you will truly make a difference. Best wishes in your endeavors. Remember: **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore.

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### **AREA 1 - APPRECIATION**

Do something of your choosing involving appreciation for our military personnel. Ideas might include fund raising, making care packages, visiting/assisting at a veterans care home, conducting a Veterans Day program in your community, etc.

### AREA 2 – HEALTH

Clubs are asked to identify a project of their choosing that will benefit children with illnesses. Ideas might include fund raising, stuffed animals for hospitals, making "Super Hero" caps (see KAY website-Camp Service Projects), Puppet show at hospital, making colorful fleece tie blankets, etc.

## AREA 3 - TO GIVE MYSELF TO A CAUSE

Clubs are asked to focus on illnesses and what they can do. Ideas might include Ronald McDonald House, March of Dimes, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Relay for Life, Jump Rope for Heart, etc.

## **AREA 4 – APPRECIATION**

Showing appreciation for military families. Ideas might include food drives, working with wounded warriors, working with veterans, etc.

## AREA 5 - GIVE MYSELF TO A CAUSE

Projects/activities to give back to the community in whatever capacity possible. Ideas might include visiting senior citizens in the nursing home, mentoring children in schools, appreciation projects for community leaders, etc.

### AREA 6 – HEALTH

Clubs are asked to complete a service project with children that promotes health and is fun. Ideas might include making surgery dolls for children at hospitals, making presentations to school kids on the importance of healthy eating, participate/help with a fun-run, create hygiene bags for kids in low-income schools (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc.)

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