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## Kiwanis helps KID'S Harbor



Katie Karr, Kiwanis Treasurer, presents a check to Cara Gerdiman, Executive Director of Kid's Harbor.

Lower right... new Support Dog Melanie

<http://kidsharbormo.org/index.asp>

### Making a difference... SAFER KIDS

Kid's Harbor sheltered and supported 689 kids last year. Thank goodness. Cara Gerdiman stopped by the Thursday Kiwanis meeting to share some updates. The focus is that all kids deserve to be in a HAPPY, HOPEFUL & HEALTHY HOMES

Two key points that Cara shared in her presentation that the public should know about:

1. APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April 1<sup>st</sup> BBQ Fundraiser @ Redhead Yacht Club Pinwheels On The Parkway...purchase to show support of your business to raise funds...for details go to link

<http://kidsharbormo.org/index.asp>

2. Our new support dog Melanie has arrived after completing extensive training. She provides our kids with unconditional love, support and friendship. Kids sit beside her, pet her and sometimes just talk to her. Her presence helps relieve their stress and fear of talking about their experiences. Melanie accompanies children in Forensic Interviews. She normally relaxes and simply snoozes on the floor while children talk to the interviewer about reported abuse they have experienced. To read Malanie's story go to link

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<http://kidsharbormo.org/newsletters/2016%20March%20Newsletter%20pub.pdf>

Ozark Coast Kiwanis is one of the largest service organizations at the Lake. All funds raised go back to the Lake Community to support dozens of children focused programs

Kiwanis fundraisers that you might recognize as sponsored by Kiwanis include :

Christmas for Kids  
Annual Peanut Day  
Duck Drop & Duck Drop Golf Tournament  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Bikes

Plus we provide volunteer support to many community wide events.

Some of the groups that we support/sponsor include: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy & Girl Scouts, CADV, Feed The Children, Hope House, Lake Regional Hospital, Parents as Teachers, Share The Harvest, Wonderland Camp, YMCA...Key Club, Key Leader, Builder's Club, College Scholarships.

Kiwanis Club of Ozark Coast was organized in 1988. We have proudly served Lake Community children for 28 years.

We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable foundation. Our club members are service-minded men and women from all segments of the community. We meet every Thursday, at **Ozark Yacht Club**, 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch, fellowship, discussion of club business, and a program presented by community business people on topics of interest such as community issues, public affairs, service, or entertainment. (Members do not have to attend every week...just when you can and be willing to help volunteer).

We'd love for you to join us for good times as we work together to better the lives of the children in our community. Please join us at our next meeting or contact our Club President for more information.