

PTK Effort to End March 31

Warren Spencer, District Foundation Vice President

Citing slowing activity and contributions to the Pediatric Trauma Kit effort, the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation, in executive session on November 3, elected to end PTK participation effective March 31, 2007.

“PTK has done phenomenal things in the past few years,” said NIF President Mary Langdon. “And we have continued to administer the program since ending matching funding last April. But the project’s activity has decreased to a point where we feel it is time to bring things to a close, and move on.”

The program, which provides infant and child-sized trauma rescue equipment to qualifying first responders throughout Nebraska and Iowa, remains a major thrust of NIF community involvement. However, with the project completed in Nebraska, and in its final stages in Iowa, NIF sees this as the right time to bring PTK to an end.

“One criticism of the Foundation has been that it has provided no ending timeline for PTK,” Langdon said. “While Kiwanians recognize the benefits of the project, they also tell us that they want to know when it will end. This announcement is an attempt to answer those questions.”

Between now and March 31, 2007, NIF will continue to provide administrative support to clubs and individuals wishing to provide kits to response units throughout the district. Funds should be directed to the NIF Treasurer, and coordinating information provided to Warren Spencer, NIF Vice President and partnering contact. Forms for designating emergency response units to receive kits and to allow partnering among clubs are available on the Foundation page of the district Web site, www.nikiwanis.org.