



The Kiwanis Foundation of Greater Danbury Inc.

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Dear Kiwanians,

In the wake of recent events at Sandy Hook Elementary, our responsibility to help the children in our community is the greatest it has been in our 70-year history, and we reach out to you with heavy hearts. Newtown, Connecticut and Sandy Hook Elementary School are indeed within the 'Greater Danbury Area' and many of our members live and work there. Our hearts are broken, but our determination to help children and families affected by this horrible tragedy is unmatched. We are set up to receive monetary donations from other Kiwanis Clubs and caring, generous individuals from around the world through the Kiwanis Club Foundation of Greater Danbury, Inc. a 501(c)(3) charity.

We take our role in the community very seriously. We are fortunate to have the support and counsel of our fellow Kiwanians in Littleton, CO – pioneers in helping a community heal in the wake of the Columbine attacks over a decade ago. In a powerful, emotional meeting on December 18, 2012, just four days after the tragedy, we established several important priorities. Our first and immediate response is to step back and let the community heal from this tragedy. It is no surprise that the town's immediate needs are being met, and that the outpouring of attention and resources is too much at this time. Most of the correspondence coming from the victims' families right now is in the spirit of, 'thank you, but we need our space.' Our friends in Colorado advise us to let them get back to "normal," and we feel strongly that we can do far more good once the national spotlight fades. Despite our eagerness to do something today, we step aside for now out of love and respect for the victims, their families, and the community.

As we let our neighbors heal, we will quietly raise money to make a real positive impact in the lives of those children who were affected by the tragedy. This is where we need your support and we need it now. **We are reaching out to caring individuals and fellow Kiwanians across the globe and accepting donations to our foundation today to handle the medium and long-term needs of those children affected by the recent tragedy.** We suspect these needs will be significant and hope you will find it in your heart to help us. With your support, we will have resources to continuously assess the needs of, and help children whose lives were forever changed on December 14, 2012. The Greater Danbury Kiwanis will not forget what these kids have been through, and is resolved to help guide them through their middle school and high school years, when we suspect they will need us most. This is a difficult, emotional marathon – not a sprint. We hope you recognize that this sound approach is best for the children, and one that you will support. We urgently need your donations today, to help these kids tomorrow. Please send your checks to:

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Thank you in advance,

Maura Newell Juan

Maura Newell Juan, President