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**Kiwanis Club Supports Local Organizations in Enhancing Youth Opportunities**

**May 29, 2024, Traverse City, Michigan** - The Kiwanis Club Foundation (501c3 foundation for the Kiwanis Club of Traverse City) provides grants to eligible organizations each year is proud to announce its continued commitment to improving the lives of children and youth in our community through its recent funding allocations.

The Salvation Army has been granted $500 to enhance youth and family engagement through archery activities. This funding will be utilized to procure archery equipment, providing opportunities for participants to develop discipline, proficiency, and confidence while ensuring safety.

Inland Seas Education Association has been awarded $900 to support the outfitting of life jackets on their newest ship, Alliance. This investment will cater to the safety needs of the student audiences they serve, ensuring a secure and enriching educational experience.

The Dream Team Northern Michigan, receiving $2,000, will utilize the funds for the refurbishment and improvement of their dugouts. This project aims to provide athletes with disabilities access to facilities that meet universal design standards, fostering inclusivity and accessibility.

In memory of Kenneth Wynkoff, Child and Family Services of NW Michigan has been granted $2,000 for the construction of a Goat Shed. This initiative will empower at-risk youth by teaching them the care and management of goat and sheep herds, facilitating conservation grazing of invasive species.

"These investments underscore our commitment to nurturing the potential of our community's young minds," said Leisa Eckerle, Kiwanis Club Foundation President. "We believe in creating opportunities that empower youth and contribute to their holistic development."

The Kiwanis Club Foundation remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that make a tangible difference in the lives of children and youth. Through collaborative efforts with local organizations, we continue to strive towards a brighter future for generations to come.

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