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Kindness Grows Here

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Kindness Grows Here Now Accepting Applications for Kid Kindness Grants.

Since 2018, Kid Kindness Grants have empowered children to design, fund, and launch over 150 changemaking kindness projects that have touched more than 79,000 people across the world.

GAMBRILLS, MD (September 1, 2025) Kindness Grows Here (KGH), a grassroots nonprofit dedicated to cultivating a culture of compassion and kindness in children, is pleased to announce the launch of its Eighth Annual Kid Kindness Grants program. Since its inception in 2018, Kid Kindness Grants have been a beacon of hope, enabling young minds to create impactful change in their communities through acts of kindness.

KGH is committed to creating a world in which children promote equity, and celebrate diversity and a sense of belonging for all through compassionate and courageous acts of kindness. KGH has continually expanded its mission to inspire the next generation of change-makers. As KGH embarks on the eighth year of this grant program, it is committed more than ever to supporting children in bringing their ideas to life.

The Kid Kindness Grants program exemplifies KGH's core belief that every child is inherently kind and can make positive change. By offering financial support to young visionaries in grades K-12th, the program encourages them to conceptualize and execute projects that promote kindness and inclusivity. Over the past seven years, the program has funded an array of remarkable initiatives, including outreach to lonely residents in nursing homes, programs to create more inclusive school communities, education to young people about neurodiversity, and baking cookies for community helpers such as teachers, firefighters, trash collectors, bus drivers, military professionals, police, and others.

Madeline Marlow (7) who lives in Huntingtown, Maryland and attends Plum Point Elementary school completed her "Cookies for Community Helpers" project with funds from this program. She baked cookies for over 240 community helpers and delivered them with a handwritten note. At the end of her project she said, "People were very surprised to receive cookies on a random day. They asked why and I told them just because they are important. Everyone was so happy and thankful."

Founder and President of KGH, Kristen Caminiti expressed her enthusiasm for the program.

"We are thrilled to offer this program for an eighth year," Caminiti said, "Witnessing the passion, creativity, and dedication that young people pour into these projects is a constant reminder that kindness

and the ability to make change knows no age. Projects like Madeline’s truly show that when children lead with kindness, entire communities bloom!”

Applications for the eighth Annual Kid Kindness Grants open September 1, 2025. KGH welcomes young changemakers to submit their proposals for projects that reflect a desire to address issues unique to their communities. The selection process involves a careful evaluation by a panel of volunteers who are deeply committed to funding as many child-driven projects as funds allow.

For the third year in a row, KGH is excited to provide classroom materials for educators so that they can use the Kid Kindness Grants program to discuss real world problem solving, project planning, and budgeting with their students. These materials will be provided at no cost to educators through the KGH website.

Applicants, their supervising adult, and educators can access the rules, full application, and classroom materials at:

<https://www.kindnessgrowshere.com/kids-kindness-grants>

Each year interest in and funding for “Kid Kindness Grants” has grown. To date, grants have been given to children in 36 states and have directly impacted 75,906 people who have been touched by a child’s kind act. It should be noted that in years past, we have disbursed a few grants each year to international students. However, starting this year, because of the immense growth of this program, we will only be accepting applications from residents of the United States.

Year	# Applications	# Grants Awarded	Total Amount Awarded:	# of people impacted:
2018	52	12	\$2,500.00	7490
2019	53	33	\$7,245.00	6100
2020	89	36	\$9,955.00	8645
2021	79	36	\$11,510.00	10,998
2022	94	39	\$13,764.49	10,223
2023	129	57	\$16,671.00	14,662
2024	282	47	\$17,109.41	17,788
TOTALS:	778	260	\$78,754.90	75,906

About Kindness Grows Here:

KGH is a non-profit organization based in Crofton, Maryland dedicated to fostering kindness in children and spreading kindness in communities. KGH began when founder Kristen Caminiti organized a “Chalk the Walk” event at Crofton Middle School after a noose was hung at the school. KGH is a respected partner of local organizations including school districts and libraries. They partnered with Anne

Arundel County Public schools for several programs, including a “Kick off with Kindness” in 2019, virtual forums on “Talking to Kids About Race” in 2020, and community book studies focused on issues of race and identity in 2021. For the past two years KGH has partnered with the Anne Arundel County Public Library (AACPL) for their “Share Your Story with Pride Art Show.” This is in addition to the numerous “Let’s Celebrate Differences” story hours that KGH has held with AACPL since 2020. For more information about KGH, please contact Kristen Caminiti, Founder/President at 410-375-4528 or via email at kristen@kindnessgrowshere.com. You can also visit the organization’s website at <https://kindnessgrowshere.com>.