



# TAKING ACTION WITH AKTION CLUB: CO-SPONSORSHIP GUIDE

If you are ready to make a meaningful, life-changing impact, co-sponsor a new Aktion Club at a local agency that supports adults with disabilities. A Key Club or CKI club can register with Kiwanis International as a co-sponsor along with the sponsoring Kiwanis club. By being a co-sponsor, the Key Club or CKI club establishes the right and responsibility to fulfill the obligations of sponsorship, along with the Kiwanis club.

## **Role of a CKI Co-Sponsor:**

**STEP 1:** Appoint a club member to serve as a liaison to the Aktion Club. This liaison will work alongside a Kiwanis Advisor or a committee of Kiwanians to be Service Leadership Program (SLP) advisors.

**STEP 2:** Attend Aktion Club meetings and events.

**STEP 3:** Maintain an expense line item in the service account.

**STEP 4:** Ensure all dues and fees are paid.

**STEP 5:** Make sure Aktion Club officers receive proper training.

**STEP 6:** Schedule an annual meeting with Kiwanis and Aktion Club leadership.

**STEP 7:** Host or participate in joint activities.

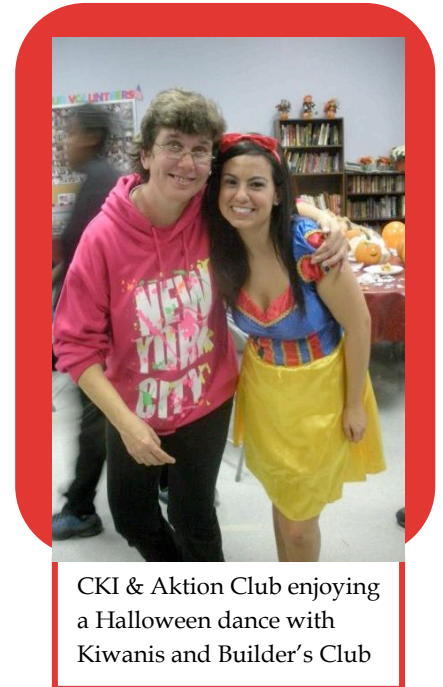
**STEP 8:** Invite Aktion Club members to attend CKI meetings.

**STEP 9:** Work with the local/community based agency representative to ensure that the needs of the Aktion Club members are met and to educate the agency on Kiwanis expectations for Aktion Clubs (quarterly reports, dues payments, participation in the Aktion Club service initiative (SCAW)

**STEP 10:** Have fun and make connections with members.

## What service projects can CKI & Aktion Club perform together?

- In November, celebrate Kiwanis family month by coordinating a project with an Aktion Club.
- Assist with the Aktion Club's training of officers.
- Plan something fun for the members, like a baseball game.
- Partner together and clean up a park or plant flowers at a nearby nursing home.
- Plan a prom for the Aktion Club members.
- Organize a car wash to raise funds for Aktion Club's Service Partner, Sleeping Children Around the World, (SCAW).
- Host an event, like a Halloween party, for an Aktion Club.
- Coordinate a joint food drive with an Aktion Club for a local food bank.
- Partner together to make cards for sick children in the hospital.
- Plan a dance for the Aktion Club members.
- Organize a recycling initiative to raise funds for Aktion Club's Service Partner, SCAW.
- Invite Aktion Club members to participate in your next service project.



## Benefits of Co-Sponsorship

- Increase of Kiwanis Family relations through Aktion Club, Kiwanis and CKI collaboration
- Aktion Club members will have sufficient support to maintain a successful club
- With additional CKI support, more Aktion Clubs will be built and chartered
- Professional development for CKI members including community building experience, learning how to work alongside adults with disabilities, as well as collaborating with community leaders
- Great hands-on experience for special education and social work majors
- Valuable preparation for CKI members to become Kiwanis sponsors in the future
- Additional service opportunities for members
- An unlimited amount of positive interactions and life-long memories
- Exposes the mission of Aktion Club to college campuses

