

taking **Aktion** within the community!

Whether the club is involved with a small or large project, Aktion Clubs can make their presence known.

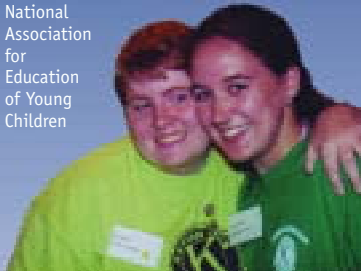
Projects might include:

- Painting benches in the park
- Landscaping community grounds
- Recycling aluminum cans and glass jars
- Planting trees and flowers
- Adopting a nursing home
- Distributing anti-litter stickers
- Providing yard maintenance for elderly citizens
- Distributing food baskets during the holidays to families in need

the possibilities are endless!

Aktion Clubs may wish to partner with community groups that focus on the welfare of children. Such organizations might include:

- Children's Miracle Network (CMN) and Children's Hospitals
- March of Dimes
- UNICEF
- National Association for Education of Young Children



membership and club structure

Membership is open to any adult living with a disability who desires to become a leader in his/her community and wishes to provide service to others.

Every Aktion Club annually elects its own officers and organizes its members into committees. Aktion Club meetings are similar to Kiwanis meetings, are conducted once a week or every two weeks, and last about one hour. A meeting may include business discussions, informative or educational programs, entertainment, and refreshments.

Aktion Club is an official Kiwanis sponsored program, and therefore, a member of the Kiwanis family, which includes:

- K-Kids (elementary school students, ages 6 to 11)
- Builders Club (middle/junior high school students, ages 12 to 14)
- Key Club (high school students, ages 14 to 18)
- Circle K (college students)
- Kiwanis Junior (young adults in Europe)
- Kiwanis (adults)

Assist with building a new and rewarding partnership that will offer hope, happiness, friendship, education and service for all. Build an Aktion Club, where development has no disability!



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what is an

Aktion Club

An Aktion Club is a community-service group for adult citizens living with disabilities. The mission of Aktion Club is to provide adults with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership, to serve their community, to be integrated into society, and to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities. Aktion Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help, and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process.

who sponsors an

Aktion Club

An Aktion Club is sponsored a Kiwanis club. A local agency supporting citizens who live with disabilities may assist the sponsoring Kiwanis club. An Aktion club also can be sponsored by a group of clubs or a division (Kiwanis clubs within an area), or a Kiwanis club may wish to co-sponsor an Aktion Club with a Key Club (high school students) and/or Circle K club (college students).



what are the benefits of

Aktion Club

Individuals who live with disabilities often have many talents but little opportunity to develop or apply them. These special citizens have few chances to interact socially and sometimes little opportunity to function in society. Too often, they are isolated and dependent when they could be making valuable contributions to themselves and to the world around them.

Agencies that serve those who live with disabilities do their best to help clients reach their potential. Many of these agencies, however, do not have the funding or staff to provide the community-based social and recreational activities that their clients need. The volunteer effort of local Kiwanis sponsors can address these and many other concerns through Aktion Club.

Aktion Club activities enable members to:

- Participate in th active life of the community
- Contribute to the community
- Develop mechanical, creative, and intellectual abilities
- Participate in social interaction awareness
- Improve self-esteem
- Develop leadership skills
- Achieve personal and service goals

what does an

Aktion Club do?

An Aktion Club performs a variety of services for the community and cooperating agency. It conducts fund-raisers such as car washes, paper drives, and recycling projects to raise money for the needs in the community.

Aktion Club members perform a variety of community services, such as environmental projects, park beautification, food drives, nursing home visitations, and assisting Kiwanis clubs with their projects.

Aktion Clubs also take time out for fun! Aktion members visit zoos, go to sporting events, and visit museums, among many other activities. They play as hard as they work.

If there's an Aktion Club in your town, you can find its members anywhere there's fun to be had or service to be rendered.

