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# Kiwanis Club to host Minute to Win It fundraiser Feb. 8 to support local nonprofits

In the fall of 2016 Laurie Passard sat down with Ann Backes about a new idea for a fundraiser for their Grand Rapids Noon Kiwanis Club. Passard had recently watched a rerun of the Minute To Win It Game Show where they had ten former beauty queens from Miss America and Miss Universe compete for their favorite charities. She thought this would be a great idea for a fundraiser to have ten businesses sponsor ten nonprofits to raise money for their organization.

They quickly got Zac Erickson onboard and got their club excited about doing the event as a major fundraiser. The club's former main fundraisers were operating food booths at Tall Timber Days and the Car Swap and they needed something to replace those events. The goal was to pitch this idea to ten businesses and get them onboard to sponsor the ten teams, which was the nonprofit they chose.

The club's first event in February of 2017 was a success, with more than 250 in attendance. They were able to give out more than \$5,000 to local nonprofits organizations. The winning team was Northern Lakes Dental sponsoring Kiesler Wellness Center, who received a donation of \$2,500. Second Place was Silver Tip Graphics and All Seasons Services sponsoring Star of the North Humane Society, receiving \$1,000. Third place was Timberlake Lodge/Timberlake Hotel, Super 8 sponsoring Habitat for Humanity, receiving \$500. All the other teams received a check for \$250 and the YMCA got an additional \$400 for the Spirit Award. The Kiwanis Club will again hold Minute to Win It this year on Thursday, Feb. 8 at Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids. The event will begin at 5 p.m. and will feature more than \$6,000 in prize money. Cost for each ticket is \$55 per person.

Minute To Win It originated as a television game show in March 2010 with host Guy Fieri. Although it is no longer broadcast, people are playing these games at home, at work, and at parties. There are ten challenges us-



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ing household items and 60 seconds on the clock. You have got a Minute to Win It and our Grand Rapids Noon Kiwanis Club version will give points to each team that completes the challenge within 60 seconds. They have ten teams of four and it is up to the business sponsor to determine if they want a few from their business competing or if they leave it up to the sponsor to come up with the team. Points are given between ten and one for each challenge in the order they finish the challenge. This year, the Kiwanis Club has increased the amounts they are giving away. First prize is \$2,800, second prize is \$1,500, third prize is \$600 and the remaining seven teams will take home \$250 each. The Spirit Award is given to the team that is voted with the most spirit and they will get an additional \$300.

In addition to the many raffle items donated by the business community, the club will have three Minute To Win It Challenges throughout the evening and will be inviting 10 people from the audience to participate. Minute To Win It has become the Kiwanis Club's biggest fundraiser aside from their annual holiday candy and nut sales. They also work with various organizations serving their famous pancakes, one being the Children's First Event in April at the arena.

Kiwanis' mission is "Serving the Children of the World." They support programs that serve children both

locally and worldwide. They sponsor the Circle K Club at Itasca Community College and the Key Club at the Grand Rapids High School. They award the Carl Mickelson/Kiwanis Club scholarship to a Grand Rapids High School Senior and support the Boys and Girls Club of the Northland, Boys and Girls Scouts, Itasca Youth For Christ, Reif Center Bus Fund, Local High School Close Up groups, bowling for handicapped, Kiwanis Children's Fund, and many other organizations. Recently, the Grand Rapids noon Kiwanis Club has adopted the revitalization of Blandin Beach as a project.

Sponsors and organizations for this year's Minute to Win It include Thrivent/Backes for ICC Foundation, Skyline Home Loans/SilverTip Graphics for Star of the North Humane Society, Lake Country Power for Great Minds Learning Center, Northern Lakes Dental for Kiesler Wellness Center, Timberlake Lodge for Habitat for Humanity, Northern Lights Maintenance, LLC for Heart to Heart and YMCA, Dr. Lee Jess for Itasca Community Chorus, Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital for Grand Itasca Foundation, Woodland Bank for Boys and Girls Club.

Tickets for the Minute to Win It event are available for sale in Grand Rapids at Travel Leaders, Northern Lakes Dental and Thrivent Financial. For more information about the event visit www.grandrapidsnoonkiwanis.






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