

NEWS FROM PEACE CONNECTIONS



WINTER 2020

“GOOD KIDS DOING GOOD THINGS”

When Dave Kliwer began a career with the Newton School district over 20 years ago, he never imagined it would lead to the demise of his hair! Working at the High School reminds Dave of his earlier days as a youth pastor and is an age group he really enjoys spending time with. “Probably because I’m a big kid myself” said Dave; and those around him would agree. “Dave’s got a great rapport with the students” proclaimed members of the Newton High School Student Council (StuCo). “He’s always working and helping wherever needed.”



Recently Dave’s willingness to help has exceeded his job requirements, and his desire to use his talents has had a meaningful impact on those around him. “Last year I decided that I wanted to be more positive and do more good”, said Dave.

“You know they are going to make a difference someday” ~ said Dave Kliwer in a recent interview about the student body at Newton High.

Donating IRA Distributions

*An easy tax-free way to
make a difference*

After you turn 70½, you are required by the IRS to begin withdrawing money from your individual retirement account. This requirement offers a good opportunity to give tax-free dollars to your favorite charity.

What is a qualified charitable distribution (QCD)? An IRA withdrawal (when you are 70½ or older) that would normally be taxable but becomes tax-free when it is paid directly to a qualified charitable organization.

What is a qualified charitable organization? An organization that has been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS and is eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Examples include your local church and other nonprofit organizations, like Peace Connections!

“GOOD KIDS” *continued*

Then Vilma, the foreign exchange student living with Dave’s family, decided to dye her hair - and she dared Dave to do the same. Now Dave has found a way to make good on that promise while helping the community. “Dave is an icon” says the StuCo members, and he voluntarily offered his hair and beard as incentive to raise funds for a local nonprofit.

The Newton High StuCo is an active group; putting on school dances, class elections, fundraisers, and helping administration give tours to guests, visitors, and even dignitaries. This Fall, the members of StuCo decided to expand their reach by hosting a ‘12 Days of Christmas’ fundraiser! A 12-person committee (comprised totally of students) researched six local organizations and reported on the services they each provide to the community. The StuCo group decided that their wish is for the fundraiser proceeds to go to Harvey County Circle of Hope ‘for their hard work and dedication to bettering our community’.

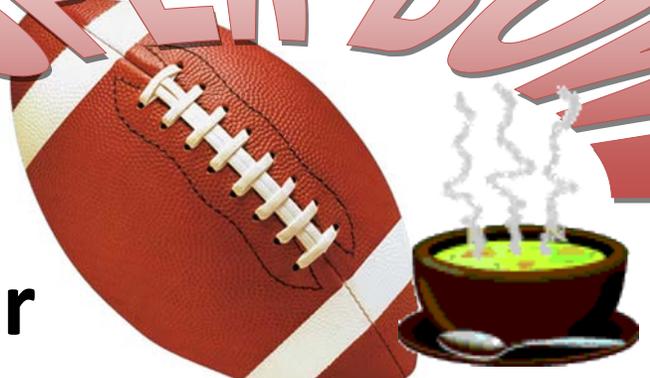
With the help of teacher Erica Rickard and the vocal stylings of Dave Kliever, who led lunchtime Karaoke, over \$500 has been raised completely by students. In addition, Eli Redington (StuCo treasurer and secretary) is proud to announce that the Student Council will be matching the funds raised - for a total donation of over \$1,100 to Harvey County Circle of Hope. Thank you Newton High Student Council!



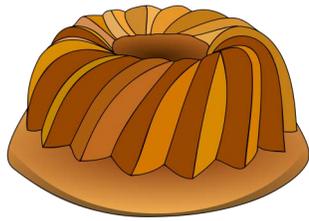
**“A good idea can impact a lot of people,
especially if everyone shares a little”**

Newton High Student Council

SUPER BOWL



Soup Supper



Pie & Dessert Auction



Changing lives, one pie at a time!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

5:30-6:15 pm - Soup Supper *(by donation)*

Dinner music by Ian Gingrich-Gaylord

6:15-7:30 pm - Pie & Dessert Auction

Auctioneer Mike Flavin

7:30-8:00 pm - Sharing & Fellowship

First Church of The Nazarene

1000 North Main, Newton

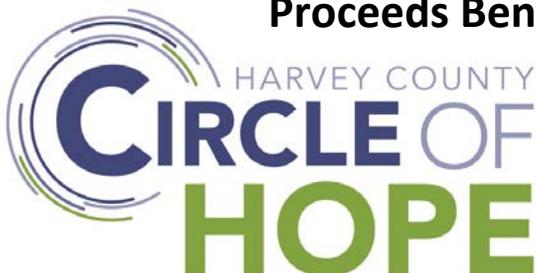
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WALMART**

**Circle of Hope
Community**

Proceeds Benefit



**'The Man in the Red
Hat' Joe Gilliam**



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BAKERY & CAFE**



209 S. Pine
P.O. Box 1147
Newton, KS 67114

**Getting Ahead
Classes start
this month!**

**Volunteer
Allies Needed**

WAYS TO GIVE

Monthly Giving is our sustaining grace. Call or come by for details on how to set up a convenient monthly automatic gift.

Secure Online Donation through PayPal is available anytime at www.peaceconnections.org

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give. Our volunteers provide nearly twice the value of all other donations combined.



WHY TO GIVE

\$15.00 buys one (1) Getting Ahead stipend to help families get to and from weekly meetings!

\$35.00 buys three (3) New Books for a child participating in Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK 2.0) program!

\$50.00 provides one (1) Graduation Gift for a Getting Ahead graduate!

\$100.00 provides one (1) day of community engagement and learning for parents and children attending Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK 2.0)!

\$150.00 provides one (1) month of Childcare for families participating in Circle of Hope weekly meetings.

\$500.00 creates a two (2) year investment in a local family through a 15-week Getting Ahead class, coaching support, and 18-month Matched Circle.