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*Mark Kauffman, D.O., Associate Dean  
LECOM College of Medicine*



## News & Updates

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## Scholarship Challenge Met

**Thank you** to so many of you who generously made a contribution to the Bradenton Kiwanis Take Stock in Children Scholarship Challenge. Our \$10,000 challenge goal has been met and will be matched by the Five Talent Fund. Most importantly, your gift provides a student such as Sebastian (pictured right) with the opportunity to continue his education at the college level.



The Five Talent Fund is a foundation Herb Moller created with his sons. The Five Talent Fund mission is based on the parable of the talents from the New Testament Book of Matthew chapter 25:14-30. Herb, impressed with Bradenton Kiwanis Scholarship program, spoke at a recent Kiwanis Club luncheon and made a generous gift challenge. The Kiwanis Foundation, through the Kiwanis Club, has established a scholarship fund which supports the outstanding mentoring results achieved by Take Stock in Children Manatee. The Take Stock in Children model significantly increases the graduation success rate of participating students.

Numerous Kiwanis Club members participate as mentors and can attest to the value of Take Stock in Children Manatee. Club members such as Foundation President, Dr. Steve Tinsworth and Club President, Heather Doyle along with Bob Enberg, Bill Padelford, Gretchen Platt, Angel Colonnese and many other members take the time to support and mentor students.

A special thank you to the Five Talent Fund, our challenge donors and our Kiwanis mentors; **you have made an incredible difference.**

Photo Courtesy of Mr. Moller. Herb Moller proudly wears his Kiwanis Club shirt while serving as a mentor to Sebastian Espinal, a Braden River High School student. Sebastian is a participant with Take Stock in Children Manatee.

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## LECOM Sponsors Christmas in August



Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine very generously provided a "Friend" level sponsorship in support of Bradenton Kiwanis's *Christmas in August*.

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"All of us are so appreciative of LECOM's support not only as a sponsor but also in providing volunteer medical and dental students who support our program," expressed Linda Agresta, Co-Chair, 2018 Christmas in August.

## Thank You LECOM!

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### *Linda Agresta - Making a Difference*

Linda Agresta and her *Christmas in August* Co-Chair Brett Pollock are busy this Christmas season planning the 2018 *Christmas in August* event. A big Kiwanis thank you to Brett and Linda for their leadership, time and continued effort to make our world a better place through their dedication to helping students in need.



### Linda Agresta

**Personal:** Born in Daytona Beach, Florida

**Hometown:** Bradenton, Florida

**College:** Florida State University

**Occupation:** Retired Manatee County School Educator

**Enjoys:** Walking, swimming, horseback riding

**Year Joined Kiwanis:** 1995

**What Kiwanis Means to Me:** "An opportunity to be involved with community leaders and volunteers who are dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

**Favorite Leadership Quote:** "Forget the mistakes. Remember the lesson."

**Best Advice:** Always be yourself. Live your life with passion, compassion, humor and style.

*Christmas in August* is Bradenton Kiwanis Club's signature program that provides

direct first day of school support to hundreds of local homeless students.

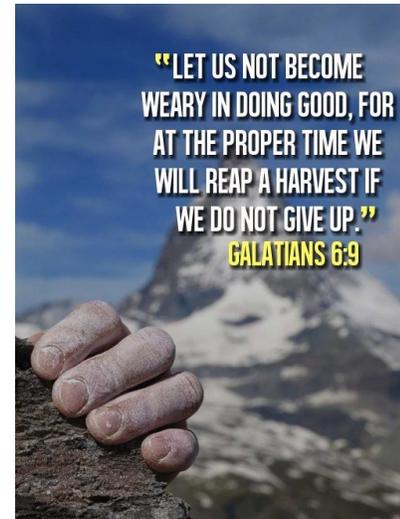
Photo courtesy of *Johnson PhotoImaging*. Linda Agresta hugging a *Christmas in August* participant.

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## Doing Good Forever

December is often the month when we take time to examine our future plans. With the new year approaching, estate planning may well be on the list of things you consider doing.

Several Kiwanis members have made a lasting gift through their estate plans. Gifts take many forms and typically include a gift made by designating Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, legal trust, life insurance policy or retirement plan.



Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation is committed to honoring the wishes of our donors. You can be assured that your gift will effect a wide-range of future community needs and support the projects and programs that you believe in. You can do good forever.

Please take a moment and think about your legacy. What we will be remembered for are our acts of kindness, social causes we have advanced and the people we have touched with kindness and compassion. Please consider including the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation in your long-term plans.

Contact Roland Emerton at [roland.emerton@yahoo.com](mailto:roland.emerton@yahoo.com) for a confidential discussion of how your planning might help continue the important mission of Bradenton Kiwanis.

*Always consult with your tax and legal advisor for information specific to your situation.*

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## Year-End Giving

The end of the year is an excellent time to consider a donation to Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. If you itemize on your income tax return, the steps you take prior to December 31st may help reduce your tax commitment while simultaneously supporting the Kiwanis mission. Whether you make a charitable donation by check or through appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds your thoughtfulness continues the Kiwanis mission.



Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation appreciates your generosity. Thank you for considering a special year-end gift.

Contributions are gladly received through our secure website [My Kiwanis Gift](#) or by

mailing a check to Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation, PO Box 1032, Bradenton, FL  
34206-1032

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*Wishing You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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