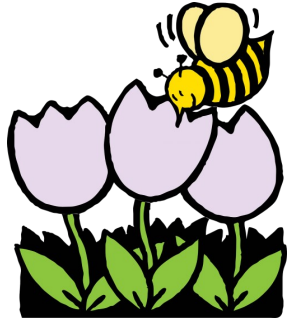




BEE A HERO



Ohio Kiwanis: Governor's Pollinator Project

BEE A HERO is an opportunity to be a global citizen on a local level

Bees provide community service to all mankind

Mankind can provide community service to all bees

We need each other to survive



Imagine a grey world without almonds, apples, or fragrant flowers...Seems terrible, right?

Unfortunately, that's the shocking future we face if we don't work to help our most precious pollinator: bees. Far from being a niche concern, bees lie at the heart of our survival – and they have been dying at unprecedented rates. Their hard work is not only essential to healthy ecosystems, but to sustaining animal and human life too. Each year, bees are experiencing massive die-offs throughout the U.S. Pesticides, herbicides, development, predators, mites and environmental change all contribute to die off and loss of habitat.

ONE BILLION POUNDS of pesticides were used in the US in 2023!

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT SERVE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD? WE MUST PROTECT THEIR FOOD SUPPLY



Bees pollinate **ONE-THIRD** of the food we eat.

From apples and squash to buckwheat and coffee, bees are responsible for pollinating most of the fruits, vegetables, seeds, and nuts that are essential to our diets. Ohio is an agriculture state; one in seven Ohioans work in the agriculture industry.

How Kiwanians can BEE HEROES

As bee populations decline, individual Kiwanians can help by expanding pollinator habitats

- Create and maintain native pollinator habitats in your own yard. Large gardens to potted plants —it all matters
- Read labels and use non-toxic herbicides and pesticides in your yard. Take the NO PESTICIDE PLEDGE at SAVEOHIOBEES.ORG
- Overseed your lawn with low growing pollinator plants, like clover and violet. Let your yard go wild!
- Encourage and support neighbors, friends, and family to create and maintain pollinator habitats
- Support local bee keepers by purchasing and promoting their products



How Kiwanis Clubs can BEE HEROES

- Build a Pollinator habitat in your community/Turn a brown space into a native wildflower garden
- Introduce the pollinator project and curriculum to schools

*Provide seed and supplies to grow a garden

*Teach kids empathy (the heart of service) for tiny creatures and their community/Teach them to BEE friendly.

*Encourage kids to care about environmental issues

- Support SLP's to build BEE habitats
- Partner with local organizations to support a garden with seed, supplies and labor
- Donate to the BEE A HERO project at <https://odkf.org> to help provide grants
- Have Club supported SLP clubs apply for a \$100 supplies grant from ODKF
- Imagine what can BEE possible in your Community!



QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFO?

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