

Kick-a-thon raises money for Operation Elba's Orphans

Ki-Do Karate recently held a kick-a-thon, raising approximately \$3,126 for Stewards of Hope International, which is a local, tax-exempt charity supporting nearly 300 orphans living in extreme poverty in Venezuela.

These orphans had their home flooded in November and lost almost everything.

"We decided to do the kick-a-thon for the orphans because they were in great need," said David Daiber, master instructor of Ki-Do Karate.

"I am very proud of all the students who participated demonstrating the black belt principle of service. I often get weird looks when others hear about service being a black belt principle. I guess most people think of karate as only what they see on TV and at the movies. A black belt knows that service is the greatest source of happiness and that it demonstrates a high level of character and strength and it is not a sign of weakness. To provide service to others requires the mastery of many other black belt principles, such as:



KI-DO KARATE FUNDRAISERS — Ki-Do Karate students, from left, Evan Capelle, Ethan Augustin, Jessie Baggett, Nicholas Burg, Kayleigh Hester, Jackson Marchal, and Corbin Daiber; back row, David Daiber, Ki-Do master instructor, raised funds for Stewards of Hope International through a kick-a-thon.

respect, modesty, responsibility, self-discipline, self-confidence, courage and honor. I am extremely proud of my students for living the principles and making a difference in someone else's lives. That is what Ki-Do

Karate is all about."

Students winning the Super Foot Awards for the most kicks in their division were: Nicholas Burg with 923 kicks, Jackson Marchal with 1,069, Corbin Daiber with 1,267, Kayleigh Hester

with 1,370 and Evan Capelle with 1,665.

Students winning the Top Fundraiser Awards were: Cain Clarke raising \$144.20, Jessie Baggett raising \$237.15 and Evan Capelle raising \$503.64.