

\$400 donation kicks off project for needy children

Kings Mountain Optimist Club kicked off their year-round needy children's project this week with a Thanksgiving donation of \$400.

Almost immediately club president Jeff Putnam said the club was asked to help a mother and her two children whose table would be empty on Thursday without their generosity.

Partners In Love is how school sociologist Hallie Blanton calls the program inaugurated by the club and Kings Mountain District Schools.

What it means is that the local organization has opened a special savings account at First Union National Bank. Monies can be donated at any time of the year by caring individuals and the money will be used to help needy families such as the one the local club helped Monday when it opened the account. Checks should be made payable to Optimist Needy

Children's Fund and mailed to Juanita Cloninger, PO Box 459, FUNB, Kings Mountain, 28086.

Putnam said the local club, for 34 years a promoter of sports programs for children, got the idea after a program by Blanton. "Hallie made us aware of the needs of many children for staple food items, warm clothes, haircuts, shoes and notebook paper," said Putnam. He said no money will be used to pay for frivolities and toys.

"Helping people who try to help themselves is the aim of the fund," said Putnam. He said the money will be kept separately from the club's athletic fund which pays for shoulder pads for ball teams, supports totally the Pop Warner Football program and helps with basketball and baseball teams and hopes to fund a new girls softball



Jeff Putnam, president of Kings Mountain Optimist Club, presents a check for \$400 to Hallie Blanton, KM Schools sociologist, to launch a year-round project for needy children of the community.

team in a new league opening up. The club runs concession stands at football games and conducts other fund-raisers throughout the year. "This club is strongly committed

to helping the less fortunate of the community," said Blanton. "There will be food on otherwise empty tables this holiday season because of them and others like them."

Pictorial map of KM planned

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will soon offer Kings Mountain area residents the first-ever pictorial map which will feature area businesses, churches, schools, public buildings and landmarks.

The 18x24 inch hand-painted caricature will be the work of Pat Cook who has researched and handpainted maps of over 100 towns and is in process of completing a similar project in Cherryville, Cook, who has been associated

with Town Square Graphics in Roswell, GA for 12 years and has been sales manager of Town Square Graphics in Greenville, SC for three years, says the map shows a city's true colors and it will involve taking of over 200 snapshots of buildings and points of interest.

"The keepsake pictorials are popular with residents and visitors because they represent a little piece of history, a permanent picture of the way things looked in 1992," said Cook.

"We are very excited about this project and will sell the pictorials at a minimum cost and hope to circulate at least 5,000 copies in the area," said Chamber President Ruby Alexander. The pictorials,

It's a boy

Kenneth and Tina Bolin announce the birth of their son, Casey Brock Bolin, November 12, 1992 at 5:32 p.m. at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

The baby weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and is 18 inches long. He has two older brothers, Brandon and Blake.

Grandparents are Betty Hughes, Bill Hughes and Mattie Bolin, and the late Nickodemus Bolin.

Casey's mother is the former Tina Hughes.

suitable for framing, will be sold at special events throughout the year with all proceeds going to support various Chamber endeavors.

The prints will be available in early spring.

Cook will be calling on local business and professional firms with a letter of introduction from Alexander.

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Pat Cook displays a hand-painted caricature of a town similar to Kings Mountain. She will be calling on local establishments with a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the project.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Nov. 11-23	Last Year
Total precipitation	2.64	.31
Maximum one day	1.92 (12th)	.30 (22nd)
Year to date	53.94	48.81
Minimum temperature	28 (15th)	24 (24th)
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Average temperature	46.4	59.1
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