

Bringing Out the Best in Kids Around the World

ER Children's Corner

Emergency Rooms can be scary places for children, so the Gilbert Optimist club worked with the town's first hospital, Mercy Gilbert, to make things a little easier for local children. With the help of a grant from the local Sam's Club and additional fundraising, the *Gilbert Optimist Club Children's Corner* was created in the hospital's Emergency waiting room. Now children can pass the time watching a large flat screen TV with an assortment of videos, building things on a Lego table, or playing at a bead table.



Operation Iraqi Optimism

When a Gilbert Airman got to Iraq and saw the conditions the children live in, he sent a letter to his hometown Optimist Club and asked for help. The Gilbert Optimist Club worked with local businesses and other Optimist Clubs around Arizona to collect toys, clothes and school supplies to send to the Airman, improving the lives of over 300 children in the war-torn land. Not only did this help the children, it improved relationships between the military and families in that area.



These are just two of the many accomplishments of the Gilbert Optimist Club. The Gilbert Optimist Club is a local community service club focused on the needs of the youth in Gilbert and surrounding communities. The club is an Arizona incorporated, not-for-profit organization chartered under Optimist International (optimist.org), one of the world's largest youth-focused volunteer organizations. Monies raised by the Club are used for youth activities in the community.

The Club meets twice each month on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:00 am for breakfast at Paradise Bakery at 3426 East Baseline Road, Ste #119, Mesa, AZ (NW corner of Baseline & Val Vista). Visitors are welcome at the club meetings. Guest speakers are often at meetings to tell members about needs in the community.

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