

**A son and his father were walking on a tall mountain.**

**Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams:**

**"AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!"**

**To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the valley: "AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!"**

**Curious, he yells: "Who are you?"**

**He receives the answer: "Who are you?"**

**And then he screams to the mountain: "I admire you!"**

**The voice answers: "I admire you!"**

**Angered at the response, he screams: "Coward!"**

**He receives the answer: "Coward!"**

**He looks to his father and asks: "What's going on?"**

**The father smiles and says: "My son, pay attention."**

**The father screams: "You are a champion!"**

**The voice answers: "You are a champion!"**

**The boy is surprised, but does not understand.**

**Then the father explains: "People call this ECHO, but really this is LIFE.**

**It gives you back everything you say or do.**

**Our life is simply a reflection of our actions.**

**If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart.**

**If you want to change the world**

**Help a child**

**This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; Life will give you back everything you have given to it."**

**YOUR LIFE IS NOT A COINCIDENCE. IT'S A REFLECTION OF YOU!"**

**There is no better example of the moral of this story than the Kiwanis Club – Service above self. And a wonderful manifestation of this reflection is our own Babes Program where our club members inspire children with their positive efforts. So it is my honor as mayor of Meriden to present our Kiwanis Babes with an official pin of the city.**