



background information

each donation has a significant impact on a student's educational success

School Supplies for Kids has been serving economically disadvantaged students in Dane County since 1993. The program started with helping just one neighborhood and has grown to include over 140 public schools. Through the generous support from several individuals, area businesses, foundations and Community Partners, School Supplies for Kids (SSFK) provides area schools with the basic supplies that are vital to a student's education.

WHY SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

More than 30% of students in Dane County qualify as economically disadvantaged. But having the necessary school supplies helps close the achievement gap and gives students the motivation to be successful in school, career and life. This program focuses on the basic supplies required for each grade such as pens, pencils, markers, crayons, paper and folders. In cooperation with teachers from the various school districts, SSFK develops a list and quantifies the need. The supplies are distributed to public schools in Dane County based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in that school.

A monetary gift has a far greater reach than the donation of items, and allows SSFK to eliminate duplication, control consistency, and streamline the logistics of collection and distribution. In appreciation, SSFK receives many touching notes from students, faculty and staff from the schools. The impact of this investment in their future is immeasurable.

