

2016

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 for the past 23 years. 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, we provide area schools with the basic supplies that are vital to a student's education.

WHY SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

More than 31% 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. Our 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, we develop a list and quantify the need. The supplies are distributed to public schools in Dane County based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in that school.

The overall need continues to increase each year, so we strive to improve our strategy and increase our goal each year for greater impact. Your monetary gift has a far greater reach than the donation of items, and allows us to eliminate duplication, control consistency, and streamline the logistics of collection and distribution. There are several levels to this giving opportunity and we appreciate any support you can invest. Your generosity doesn't remain with us. We receive many touching notes from students, faculty and staff from the schools. The impact of your investment in their future is immeasurable.

