

# Project REACH/Fostering Connections

Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness and Foster Care

Office of Title I Federal Programs

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**Project REACH** is a Saint Paul Public Schools shelter and street-based program that promotes school stability and academic success of homeless children and youth. Our program staff serve pre-K and school age children who are in temporary housing situations.

**Fostering Connections** is a Saint Paul Public Schools program that assists with the education stability of students placed in out-of-home care.

## Our blanket and coat drive was an amazing success BECAUSE OF YOU! THANK YOU TO:

- Hamline Church for the cash donation
- Organizations LexHam, The Foresters, DRIVE retirees, HiWay Federal Credit Union, Century College WHO donated blankets, coats, mittens and other needed items.
- Numerous individual donors that were so generous in their giving
- Land O' Lakes for the donation of scarves, blankets
- St. Paul Labor Studies and Resource Center for the donation of coats
- Metropolitan Council for the donation of warm winter gear
- Rodan and Fields MN for the large donation of coats
- Diane Dodd for the donation of sub zero sleeping bags

A special THANK YOU to the Assistance League of Minneapolis and St. Paul for donating \$9000 for winter boots to Project REACH

## Service Project for Project REACH

- Columbus Elementary in Forest Lake donated over 40 blankets
- Students at Horace Mann made blankets and hats
- Donations from Creative Arts
- Humboldt High School sold tacos and donated the proceeds to REACH, over \$400!
- Randolph Heights for the donation of hygiene items

## Stay connected

- "Like" us on Facebook
- Donate to Project REACH through GiveMN
- Send your email to [anne.mcinerney@spps.org](mailto:anne.mcinerney@spps.org) to receive Quarterly Newsletters and other information about Project REACH/Fostering Connections

## You Can Get Involved

- Contact Anne McInerney at 651-744-2565 or email.
- We continue to accept donations throughout the year.

## Project REACH

- 1392 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
  - 814 (58%) Students in grades Pre-K - 5
  - 538 (39%) Students in grades 6 - 12
- 1630 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 863 (62%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 296 (21%) Students live in shelters
- 991 (71%) Students identify as African American
- 1294 (93%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 161 (12%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 292 tutoring sessions with 81 unique students

## Fostering Connections

- 149 Students in foster care
- 75 (50%) Students identify as African American
- 115 (77%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 123 (83%) are under grade 5



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