

Project REACH

Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness

Office of Title I Federal Programs

2014-15 Report to Donors



Project REACH, a shelter- and street-based program of Saint Paul Public Schools, promotes school stability and academic success for homeless children and youth. Project staff serve pre-K and school age children who are in temporary housing situations. **We are grateful to our community of donors.**

2014-15 Coat Drive Recap

- Project REACH had a very successful coat drive. After realizing we were not going to have enough coats to meet the need, we put out a flyer for a blanket and coat drive. Social media took hold and we received over 2,000 coats.
- We like to personally thank our numerous community donors, who drove through our rough Minnesota weather to drop off warm coats.
- We accepted over \$3,700 in financial donations.
- Home Depot, White Way Cleaners and Skylark Dry Cleaning, Wells Fargo and the Minnesota Wild were some of our corporate donors.
- Many SPPS staff and schools contributed to the drive
- We also received over 200 Blankets. Thank you to Century College for the large donation of blankets.
- Project REACH was featured on KSTP, Star Tribune and MPR to promote the coat drive.

Thanks to all who gave!

Service Projects for REACH

Linwood-Monroe Arts Plus School held a coin drive for Project REACH and raised over \$1,000. Thank you!

Welcome Two New Partners

KARE 11 donated a "Little Library" for the Family Service Center. We hope to raise funds to build three more Little Libraries for homeless shelters.

Kids In Need held a backpack-stuffing drive for Project REACH. The KARE 11 Sunrise Team and volunteers community stuffed more than 200 backpacks for our students.

Another way to help

Watch for a special event in October at the Dancing Goat Coffeehouse in Saint Paul to benefit Project REACH.

Follow us on Facebook

Stay up to the minute with our work. Find and follow us (Project Reach/Fostering Connections) on [Facebook](#).

Get involved

Contact Anne McInerney at the number or email address below. Homeless students have needs throughout the year, and your contribution is vital.

Highlights as of June 1, 2015:

- 2,199 students served
 - 836 (44%) Students in grades 1-5
 - 659 (35%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1,156 (61%) students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 532 (28%) students live in shelters
- 196 (13%) students live in other situations considered homeless
- 1,289 (68%) students identify as African American
- 1,725 (91%) students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 272 (14%) students are unaccompanied youth
- 742 sessions of tutoring services are provided at shelters

Project REACH works year-round to assist students and families experiencing homelessness. We help with transportation, backpacks, uniforms, and school supplies. Your support helps us continue this important work.



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