



Schools Count Corp.

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OUR MISSION:

DEVOTED TO THE WORLD'S CHILDREN BY PROVIDING RESOURCES THAT HAVE THE POWER TO LIFT THE SPIRIT AND UNLOCK THE VAST POTENTIAL OF THE HUMAN MIND.

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Forging Ahead

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my hope that you, your family and friends are well and in good health. Though the work of our charity continues during the pandemic it is worth remembering that ones health is what really matters.

COVID has certainly impacted the students we are privileged to support. In spite of CPS going virtual, the various schools have been providing drive up and/or deliveries of school supplies to the students. Fortunately, we were able to meet those needs this fall much to the relief of school principals and the parents of the children.

Most of you are well aware that much of the aid we provide to CPS and Harvey Schools goes to the most impoverished areas. What we have learned is that the loss of jobs for a good number of people has resulted in a dependence upon others for food. This past fall we have provided each of 85 families with \$100 Aldi and Jewel gift cards along with an assortment of Walmart and Target gift cards.

Aside from providing school supplies and food to those we assist, Schools Count has also been able to get some needed warm winter coats to the children. Due to your generosity we were also able to provide needed supplies to the Louisiana South Cameron High School students as their school was nearly destroyed due to two devastating hurricanes this summer.

Just as we have to 'weather the storm' with respect to COVID so too must we persist with regard to providing support to the various schools. The needs of students aren't met all at once. If we want children to be successful then a long term commitment is an imperative.

It is my privilege to ask you to continue to support Schools Count and those who are aspiring to better themselves. Please know, speaking on behalf of our Board of Directors, that we are grateful for your generosity. We'd be pleased to have you continue on this journey with us in 2021!!

Many thanks, Dick Flesher

To keep you abreast of all the news with SCC kindly forward your email address to Dick Flesher at rich219@comcast.net

Tues., Aug. 31st, Wed. Sept. 1st and Thurs. Sept. 2nd, 2021

This is the culmination of all the many efforts made throughout the year to raise funds and secure school supplies so that students start the new year with a bang. We'll work from 9:00am to 1:00pm each day to deliver supplies.

To be a part of helping children while meeting some great people simply contact Dick Flesher at rich219@comcast.net to get involved.

One of our donors & volunteers had this to say about the work of Schools Count:

I have been a supporter of Schools Count since 2008 just after its inception. Of the many wonderful charitable organizations around, I continue to be drawn to Schools Count because they support education and families affected by disaster and/or poverty in such a hands-on, direct way. They go right to the source to assess actual specific needs so they can customize giving. They make connections with schools in communities that might otherwise be overlooked. I have enjoyed volunteer projects with Schools Count over the years. I trust Schools Count and am especially satisfied knowing that my charitable giving dollars provide comfort and opportunity to those who are struggling. This is a heartfelt and professional group who make an enormous impact with lots of hard work and very little overhead.

Please consider asking your employer to participate in a matching fund program if one is available where you work!!

Please consider supporting the work of Schools Count Corp by completing and returning this form with your tax deductible donation: (cut and return)

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Amount of Donation \$ _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to Schools Count Corp and return to

Dick Flesher, 12418 S. Compass Ave., Plainfield, IL 60585

Here's what CPS Principals have to say about the Work of Schools Count Corp.



Good afternoon! Schools Count Organization,

I am truly humbled by your generosity to the Medgar Evers Fine & Performing Arts Community. Your outpouring of support has a favourable impact on our schools learning environment year after year. The donations of uniforms, school supplies, coats, and monetary gifts have been a tremendous kindhearted gesture to the Medgar Evers Community. An organization of your caliber is what makes building a partnership in the educational arena a rewarding experience. I salute Schools Count for a job well done!

Kind Regards, Principal Caroline Ellis

Dear Schools Count Donors and Volunteers,

During my seven years of leadership at Metcalfe Community Academy I have learned the power of strong partnerships. Schools Count has been an invaluable partner! Every year the academic year begins with a sizable donation. School budgets often have gaps and parents financial constraints can be a barrier to school readiness. Schools Count fills in and supplies us with necessities and the donations are impactful. Through the hearts of the donors and volunteers our students can focus on being scholars.

Sincerely,
Principal Miyoshi Brown



Additional Events in 2021:

- * Coat, hat, glove and sock collection: October 1st - 31st, 2021 (at various locations)
- * Delivery of coats, gloves and socks: November 12th and 13th, 2021
- * Tentative: Week of November 8, 2021. Social event pending pandemic conditions

From Harriet Beecher Stowe,

I wanted to share that the support we've received from Schools Count over the past several years has always been invaluable. Providing our students with much needed supplies has been something we've been able to do thanks to the annual school supply donations we receive from Schools Count. The last 12 months have brought heart break and challenge to our community like no other time we've experienced. Thanks to your support, Stowe School has been able to provide some relief by providing supplies on the first day of the school year. In addition, families receiving gift cards have been extremely grateful. One mom shared, that when she told her daughter they were receiving a gift card to Aldi, her daughter said in excitement, "we are going to be able to buy a lot of food."

Sincerely, Jimmy Lugo, Principal



Schools Count has demonstrated, time and again, their dedication and commitment to the well-being and success of John Hay Community Academy students, families and the Austin Community. It is because of Schools Count's heartfelt generosity that our students and families receive school supplies, coats, gloves, food assistance and resources to help assist Hay families experiencing hardship. During this difficult time of COVID19, civil unrest, remote learning, job loss and other unfortunate events which have plagued our families and society, your kindness and support means so much more, and for that and more, we extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your partnership.

Sincerely, Dr. Latrese Mathis
Principal, John Hay Community Academy