

WARM KIDS PROJECT



A local, all-volunteer, non-profit organization investing in Kalamazoo area communities by providing new winter clothing to children in need.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Peg Cancro,
Steven Gales,
Ginny Kowalski,
Leslie Lami-Reed,
Bill Reed,
and our committed volunteers

Cathy Finger,
Mary Hess-Quinones,
Linda Teare,
Mary Lou Wright

we wish to thank all who volunteered time, donated money, and provided services to make 2018 another successful year for Warm Kids Project.

(2018 Community Impact and Financial Report available at www.warmkids.org)



2018 Income
\$48,013

A Special "THANK YOU" to the following:

Our 2018 Boxing Day Crews from Eaton (ECJV, EHFD), Kalamazoo Area Retired School Personnel (KARSP) and KRESA Head Start.

Our generous Hand Knitters Sandy Dundore, Ann Girton, Jan Hageman, Georgia Lindt and Krystal Jansen, who provided over 350 items.

Our Clothing Suppliers who get us the lowest prices possible for QUALITY GOODS. Amber at Bermo Enterprises, Gloria at JC Penney, Brian at Little Chick Shoes, Tim at Dunham Sports-Portage, B&G Discount and our local Meijer and Walmart stores.



1,241
coats



931
boots



45 schools served



7 agencies served

15 Head Start sites



"Now I can play outside with the other kids!"

Comment made by student after receiving new winter clothing from Warm Kids Project. (Communities in Schools Site Coordinator-KPS)

How it all works

a year at a glance



August Board and Volunteers meet to fine-tune project details.

October Clothing Order

Forms sent to schools and agencies; Solicitation Letter with Impact/Financial Report mailed to supporters.

Early November Box and distribute winter clothing to schools and agencies; organize Exchange Day.



Late November Project evaluation and goals set for next year.

December to March Board & Volunteers shop locally for clothing at deep discounts; Inventory filled and stored for next year's distribution.

May Newsletter for fundraising mailed to supporters.

Volunteer opportunities

Boxing Day: Monday, November 4, 2019

Would you or your organization like to help **BOX** clothing orders? It's fun! (3-hour shift)

Delivery Day: Tuesday, November 5

Deliver clothing to an outlying school: Climax-Scotts, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, Galesburg-Augusta. They'll be so happy to see you! (2-hour shift)

If interested, text or call Leslie at 269-569-0574 or email: warmkidsproject@gmail.com; we will confirm your availability in September.

OTHERS who provided support or services in 2018:

Allegra Marketing and Printing
Andy Millen-Website services
Caporossi Construction
Eaton Corporation/Galesburg Community Fund
EIMO Tech
Fetzer Institute
Gary Sisters Foundation
Jeff Brown – Graphics
Kalamazoo Area Retired School Personnel
Kalamazoo Industries
Kalamazoo Public Schools (storage space)
Kendall Group Electric, Inc.
Meijer/ Shaver Road
Merck Foundation (matching)
Nicholas Allen-The Computer Guy
Pfizer Foundation (matching)
PNC Foundation (matching)
Profiles Hair Salon
PSI IOTA XI
Quality Air Service
Saturday Eves' Book Club
Skyridge Church of the Brethren
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
TASC/ Plainwell
Comstock STEM Academy PTO
Arcadia (KPS) PTO
Greenwood (KPS) PTO
Indian Prairie (KPS) PTO
Prairie Ridge (KPS) PTO
Winchell (KPS) PTO
Central EL (Portage) PTO
Haverhill (Portage) PTO
Starr (Plainwell) PTO

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