

LEARNING STARTS WITH A PENCIL

Teachers' Supply Closet

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



SERVING CHILDREN IN THE TRI-COUNTY AREA



*The Teachers' Supply Closet vision
is for every child in the tri-county area
to have the school supplies they need
to succeed in school.*

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Cause I Ain't Got a Pencil

I woke up myself, Because we ain't got an alarm clock/Dug in the dirty clothes basket, Cause ain't nobody washed my uniform/Brushed my hair and teeth in the dark, Cause the lights ain't on/ Even got my baby sister ready, Cause my mama wasn't home/Got us both to school on time, To eat us a good breakfast/Then when I got to class the teacher fussed, Cause I ain't got a pencil.

~ Joshua T. Dickerson



Dear TSC Supporters,

Can one pencil make the difference in the life of a child? Yes, one pencil matters!

We believe that by providing the proper tools every child needs to be successful in school, we improve self-esteem and create an environment that fosters a love for learning.

On behalf of the TSC Board, I want to thank you for your generous support through volunteer hours, school supplies, grants, and monetary donations in 2015. This was a record year for contributions received at TSC and for volunteer hours worked. We use our resources wisely: 75% of every dollar raised goes directly to the children. As a result we have increased the number of student supply distributions to over 25,725. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you at a TSC event in 2016. It is our hope that your awareness of the need translates into support for many, one pencil at a time.

It has been my pleasure to serve children in need through our work at Teachers' Supply Closet.



Sincerely,

Dominique Simpson Milton,
Chair, Teachers' Supply Closet Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support this year in so many ways: supplies, donations, in-kind services, and your volunteer time. We are grateful. I also want to applaud the efforts of Don Hall, our former executive director, who guided the organization for part of 2015. Through his leadership TSC served more teachers and students than ever before.

Our 2016 goal is to increase support in Title 1 schools for teachers and students, providing them with the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and to succeed in the community. To do that, we'll strive to increase supply distributions to \$1 million dollars.

Research shows that when students have the basic tools of learning, they have a more positive feeling of self-worth, miss fewer days of school, and achieve higher test scores in all academic subjects*. These are worthy outcomes all of us should encourage.

Your donation or a few days of volunteer time means so much to Charleston area teachers and students. Please join us today by calling or visiting our website.

*Kids In Need Foundation 2015 School Supply Impact Survey Report



Sincerely,

Lynette Duggins Thomas
Executive Director



**TSC supports Title I schools in Berkeley,
Charleston and Dorchester Counties –
thousands of dedicated teachers and striving students.**

**Free school supplies significantly impact:
homework completion, improved self-esteem,
social engagement, student behavior and student attendance.***

2015-2016 Eligible Schools

Charleston County Schools

Baptist Hill Middle/High	Minnie Hughes Elementary
Burke High School	Mitchell Elementary
Burns Elementary	Morningside Middle
Charleston Development Academy	Mount Zion Elementary
Charleston Progressive Academy	N. Charleston Elementary
Chicora Elementary	N. Charleston High
E. B. Ellington Elementary	Northwoods Middle
Frierson Elementary	Pepperhill Elementary
Garrett Academy of Technology High	Pinehurst Elementary
Greg Mathis Charter High	Sanders-Clyde Elementary
Jane Edwards Elementary	Simmons-Pinckney Middle
Lincoln High School	St. James-Santee Elementary
Mary Ford Elementary	St. Johns High School
Matilda Dunston Elementary	Stall High School
Meeting Street Elementary @Brentwood	Stono Park Elementary
Memminger Elementary	W. B. Goodwin Elementary
Midland Park Elementary	Zucker School of Science Middle
Military Magnet Middle/High	

Berkeley County Schools

Cainhoy Elementary	J. K. Gourdin Elementary
Cross Elementary	St. Stephen Elementary
Cross High	St. Stephen Middle

Dorchester County Schools

Clay Hill Elementary	Harleyville Elementary
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**2015 KINF School Supply Impact Survey Report*

Teachers' Supply Closet (TSC) provided 25,725 children from low-income families with free school supplies in 2015. Our goal is to continue to expand the number of schools we serve in order to provide supplies to all children in need.

PROGRESS REPORT

Fiscal Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Teacher Visits	95	245	374	445	543	620	901	1,029
Student Supply Distributions	1,900	4,900	7,480	8,900	13,550	15,500	22,525	25,725
Supplies Distributed	\$ 23,677	\$100,295	\$98,500	\$221,637	\$534,338	\$552,825	\$650,131	\$779,871
Average "Sale" per Visit	\$249	\$409	\$263	\$498	\$984	\$891	\$722	\$758

TSC's fiscal year is January 1st – December 31st.



Our Mission is to serve children in the tri-county area in meeting their educational and creative needs by providing free supplies donated by businesses and individuals.

Teachers' Supply Closet (TSC) provides children from low-income families with free school supplies. This helps students succeed in school and eliminates the need for teachers to pay for the products. School supplies include **No. 2 Pencils, Copy Paper, Glue Sticks, Crayons (24 pack), Composition Notebooks, Washable Markers, Pink Erasers, Kleenex and Hand Sanitizer, Folders and Scissors.** Donations come from local product drives, and, because TSC is an affiliate of the national *Kids In Need Foundation*, other items arrive via transport truck. TSC displays the supplies in its 2,850 square foot "store" where teachers "shop" for free.

WHAT WAY WILL YOU VOLUNTEER THIS YEAR? DID YOU KNOW THAT VOLUNTEERS HELP TO MANAGE MUCH OF TSC'S SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM?

Year after year a core team of retired men and women are the foundation of volunteers. Additionally, here are just some examples of other volunteers critical to TSC's success:



Charleston Southern University and Be a Mentor volunteers



Porter Gaud Senior Service Day volunteers pictured in front of TSC

- **Blackbaud** employees help with data entry and assist on shopping nights.
- **South State Bank** employees count, sort, and reorganize books in our warehouse.
- A group of **Porter Gaud School** students fills backpacks with supplies.
- **The Hat Ladies** help during shopping nights.
- **Greek Emerging Leaders from College of Charleston** help on shopping nights.
- **West Ashley High School** Job Training Coaches bring special-needs students weekly to open and bundle products for distribution.
- **Target** employees help with shopping and other special events such as **Lowcountry Giving Day**.
- Representatives of **The Links, Inc.**, help every shopping period and represent TSC during **Belk Charity Day** Sales.

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IN YOUR COMMUNITY? WANT TO ENJOY THE
CAMARADERIE OF FELLOW VOLUNTEERS?
CALL 843.225.9895 TODAY!**



FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS



The Charleston, SC Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is an organization of accomplished, dedicated women who take an active role in our community. As one of the founding organizations, they have continued their support through financial contributions, product drives, and many volunteer hours.



Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated is a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2 to 19, dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. Along with financial support, these mothers and children volunteer and conduct product drives on an ongoing basis for TSC.



Teachers' Supply Closet is an affiliate of the **Kids in Need Foundation**, a 501(c)3 charitable organization founded in 1995. The Kids in Need Foundation's mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need. Non-profits, such as TSC, are eligible to receive supplies free of charge, only paying shipping costs.

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In 2015 the generosity of the following supporters also enabled Teachers' Supply Closet to provide free school supplies to 25,725 children in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties.

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WHAT IN-KIND SERVICES MIGHT YOU PROVIDE?

- Goods, such as computers, software, furniture and office equipment
- Services, such as meeting space, photocopy and mail services and administrative/financial support
- Expertise such as web site consulting and development





TOP TEN

THE MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE TO START A GREAT DAY OF LEARNING !

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. No. 2 Pencils | 2. Copy Paper |
| 3. Glue Sticks | 4. Crayons (24 pack) |
| 5. Composition Notebooks | 6. Washable Markers |
| 7. Pink Erasers | 8. Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer |
| 9. Folders | 10. Scissors |

ALSO NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

- New and gently used books for children in pre-K through high school
- New or slightly used toys and book shelves
- New and gently used office, school and art supplies
- Clipboards, mailing tubes, file folders, 3-ring binders, fabric, yarn and buttons



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