

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Teachers' Supply Closet



12 Ways You Can Help ~ IDEA #1 - Contribute a donation to help kids in need.



*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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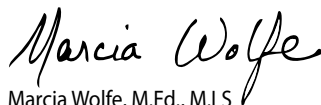
I'm pleased to report that Teachers' Supply Closet (TSC) helped more students and teachers in 2013 than since it opened its doors in 2008! TSC distributed more than \$552,000 in free classroom supplies to over 15, 500 students in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties. On behalf of the children and teachers, we thank donors, sponsors, and TSC volunteers who made this year so successful.

Teachers in Title 1 schools, where 88% or more of the students are on free/reduced lunch, visit TSC once a semester and "shop" for their students. Receiving basic school supplies means these children will more readily focus on the day's lessons — ultimately progressing through grades until they graduate and find employment. It all starts with having a pencil, a notebook, and an eagerness to learn!

Unfortunately, there are too many students and their families that cannot afford supplies and while teachers receive a supply stipend of \$250 a year, many will typically spend approximately \$1,000 of their own money to meet their students' needs. There are better ways to ensure that both children and their teachers achieve the best in academic outcomes and create an educated, skilled workforce.

You can help! Teachers' Supply Closet serves schools that qualify at the 88% federal poverty index and we are working towards targeting those at a 70% poverty index. We need your support to transform young lives and improve the quality of economic life for tri-county residents. After you read the annual report please note the ways that your family, friends, and co-workers can support children and teachers. Please consider making a donation.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia Wolfe". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Marcia Wolfe, M.Ed., M.LS
Board Chair



One Teacher's Story:

My job is made easier by the materials given to me by the Teachers' Supply Closet; I don't worry about having the basic supplies that I need, such as glue and scissors, crayons and paper. My students do not need to compete or argue about pencils since I received such a large quantity during my shopping experience. Having these basic materials has allowed my classroom to run much more smoothly — and as a result, my students are more focused on the lesson at hand.

Ms. Michelle Maness and First Grade Students
Lambs Elementary School – North Charleston, SC

SCHOOLS SERVED IN 2013

Charleston County Schools

Angel Oak Elementary	James Simons Elementary	Mount Zion Elementary
Apple Charter	Jane Edwards Elementary	Murray-LaSaine Elementary
Baptist Hill High School	Malcolm C. Hursey Elementary	N. Charleston Elementary
Burke High School	Mary Ford Elementary	Northwoods Middle
Burns Elementary	Matilda Dunston Elementary	Pepperhill Elementary
C. C. Blaney Elementary	Memminger Elementary	Pinehurst Elementary
Chicora Elementary	Midland Park Elementary	Sanders-Clyde Elementary
Ellington Elementary	Minnie Hughes Elementary	St. James-Santee Elementary
Frierson Elementary	Mitchell Elementary	W. B. Goodwin Elementary
Greg Mathis Charter High	Morningside Middle	Zucker Middle School

Berkeley County Schools

Cross Elementary
J. K. Gourdin Elementary
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Dorchester County Schools

Clay Hill Elementary School
Harleyville Elementary

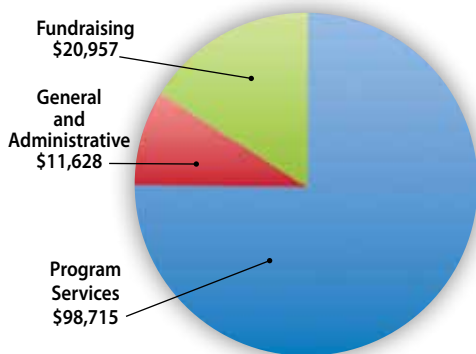
Teachers' Supply Closet (TSC) provided 15,500 children from low-income families with free school supplies in 2013. Our goal is to continue to expand the number of schools we serve in order to provide supplies to all children in need.

PROGRESS REPORT

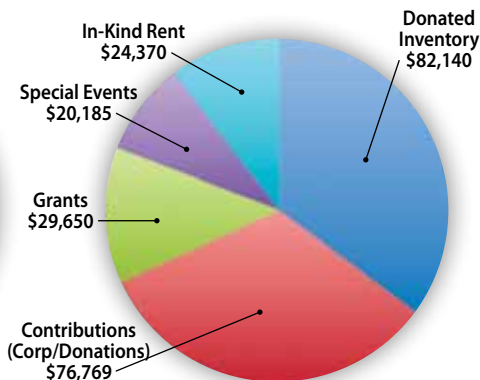
Fiscal Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Teacher Visits	95	245	374	445	543	620
Students Served	1,900	4,900	7,480	8,900	13,550	15,500
Supplies Distributed	\$23,677	\$100,295	\$98,500	\$221,637	\$534,338	\$552,825
Average "Sale" per Visit	\$249	\$409	\$263	\$498	\$984	\$891

TSC's fiscal year is January 1st – December 31st with an operational 2014 budget of \$ 174,336. TSC provided an additional \$37,495 of surplus athletic supplies and other items for children in the tri-county area. With this additional assistance, TSC distributed supplies worth \$552,825 in the tri-county area in 2013.

2013 Expenses



2013 Support & Revenues



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.

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 pays for the shipping and uses volunteers to unload and display the supplies in its 2,850 square foot "store", where teachers "shop" for free.



WE NEED YOUR HELP...VOLUNTEER

Want to be part of something larger in our community? Want to know that your volunteer experience will be rewarding? Want to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow volunteers? Then experience the joy of a few hours each week working in TSC's "store," organizing supplies, meeting teachers, and sharing fellowship with other volunteers.

There are also opportunities if you have specialized skills such as web and graphic design, publicity, or if you're interested in event support.

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS

"I do it for the children." "Very rewarding and I love working with other volunteers."

"I get more out of it than the hours helping."

"It's all so worth it when during the shopping day a teacher exclaims, 'This is so incredible! It's like Christmas morning!'"

FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS



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. Charities, such as TSC, are eligible to receive supplies free of charge, only paying shipping costs.



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Vacation Inspirations



TOP 10...THE MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Composition Notebooks | 6. Hygiene Products (tissues & sanitizers) |
| 2. Copy Paper | 7. No. 2 Pencils |
| 3. Crayons (24 pack) | 8. Pink Erasers |
| 4. Folders | 9. Scissors |
| 5. Glue Sticks | 10. Washable Markers |

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