

STUDENTS CLOTHING BANK

- * **Service Hours:**
Tuesday – Friday
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- * **Donation Hours:**
Monday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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National School-Based Health Care Awareness Month

Many of the referrals we receive come from the School-Based Health Centers across Bernalillo County, so this month we want to especially thank those centers for all they do for the students who come through the doors of Locker #505. According to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) there are nearly 2,000 School-Based Health Centers across the country. The New Mexico Alliance for School-Based Health Care reports that there are 15 centers in Bernalillo County.

Students in these communities are able to receive age appropriate health care

services, including: primary medical care, mental/ behavioral health care, dental/ oral health care, health education and promotion, substance abuse counseling, case management, and nutrition education. Without these School-Based Health Centers our students may not receive the adequate medical care they need.

Historically, the movement to have school-based health centers started in 1894 in New York City. At that time the focus was on removing children from classrooms who had contagious diseases— what a progression we've seen in the last hundred years! Now, so much is done in our health

centers, that at times it feels as if they are a hidden secret in our communities. For those of you who work in these centers, please know that you are honored year round, and especially this month. Thank you for all you do and for helping make positive changes in our students lives one day at a time.



A Message from the Executive Director

The giving season was a true blessing for Locker #505, we had many organizations, churches, schools, and individuals clean out closets, organize new sock and underwear drives, and collect gently used clothing. Each of these donations makes it possible for us to continue to give our students a choice of clothing and allow-

ing them to attend school in comfort and with confidence. We continue to welcome donations due to the nature of running a clothing bank we are continuously giving clothes to students so we need to continuously receive donations to replenish our supply, it is a bit like a revolving door. As always, thank you

to everyone that made a donation whether in-kind or financial, we couldn't do it without YOU!

Fondly,

Kim Kerschen
Locker #505: Student's Clothing Bank
Director

Recap of January Events and Donations



This year we held our annual clothing drive, Stuff the Bus, at Hinkle Family Fun Center on January 21st. In the past this has been a very successful event for us, but due to the weather and the time of year, the donations weren't as plentiful as we had hoped they would be. Thank you to everyone who did come out and donate! We

always appreciate the help!

We also had a fundraiser at Chipotle Mexican Grill on Saturday the 28th. We were able to raise \$265.00! Thank you to everyone who came to support Locker #505!



Job Opportunity!

Are you looking for a rewarding part time job (10-20/ week) helping children from kindergarten- 12th grade find clothes that make them feel confident and comfortable?

Starting in August, Locker #505 will be looking to hire new team members to help serve students and families. For more information and/or an application please visit www.locker505.org.

When it All Comes Full Circle

"I remember going with my counselor to a place off of Menaul and it was so relaxed and welcoming. Because my parents could never afford to buy new clothes, we always had to go to second-hand stores and I hated it. I hated knowing that I was a second-hand kid. But this place was different. The ladies there were so nice and I got to pick out my own clothes; and they were cool clothes! I remember that I was able to get a real Adidas shirt. Everyone had one at my school, but my parents could never afford that. When we went back to look at shirts, though, there it was! I was able to have one of the 'cool' shirts. I probably wore that shirt twice a week. That was 20 years ago and I still remember the feeling I had knowing that for once I wasn't a second-hand kid anymore."

Hearing stories like this is what Locker #505 is all about. What makes this story so special, however, is that this former student is now one of Locker #505's board members; Skyler Whitney! Skyler is a native New Mexican who was born and raised in Albuquerque. He attended APS schools from kindergarten through high school and received his undergraduate degrees in state as well. Now he mainly does IT work for Presbyterian Hospital.



Skyler joined the Locker #505 team in August 2016. His wife had seen our Facebook page, which helped Skyler reach out to us and now the rest is history. We are so honored to have Skyler on our board and to truly be able to see how big of an impact our work has on all the students we serve. We may only see a student once, but our hope is that our positive nature and genuine interest in providing them the best service possible, leaves a lasting impression.

If you have any personal stories about how Locker #505 has impacted you or students you work with, please feel free to share them with us! You can e-mail them to director@locker505.org.

Thank You Donors!

This month we would like to thank the following donors:

- Nusenda Credit Union for the Community Reward of \$1,500.00 to purchase much needed new socks and underwear
- Hinkle Family Fun Center for Hosting Stuff the Bus
- City of Albuquerque Transit for loaning us the bus for Stuff the Bus
- New Mexico Foot and Ankle Institute for continuous collecting of used shoes
- Chipotle Mexican Grill for the fundraising opportunity
- And thank you to the following schools and organizations for their continued support: Double Eagle Elementary, Hubert Humphrey Elementary, Montessori of the Rio Grande, Mountain View Montessori, North Star Elementary, Tony Hillerman Middle School, La Cueva High School, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, and the First Unitarian Church.

Tips on Referring Students

- Our Service Hours are Tuesday-Friday 1:00pm-4:30pm. It is imperative that **ALL students** are accompanied by a parent or guardian when they come to Locker #505. (Donation Hours are Monday 9:00am-1:00pm and Tuesday-Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm.)
- Gently remind parents and guardians that students are seen on a **first come, first served basis**. Sometimes we are full and have students waiting by 3:30pm. During busy times it may take until 5:00pm to finish properly clothing every student.
- We are honored to have your referrals for students in need and as you know, we work extremely hard to not have to turn any student away. However, we do ask, that when making a referral that you know that the student is truly in need of clothing to go to school.
- If you need a referral form please contact us; we do not put it on our website. The latest form has been updated as of November 2016.

Our Current Wish List

This month we are currently in need of:

- **Jeans and Leggings in Women's sizes: 20, 22, 24, and 26**
- **Women's socks: size 9-11**
- **Socks and underwear in all sizes**
- **Empty computer paper boxes**
- **Large paper bags (grocery bag size)**

Please remember we can take gently used clothing, but we only take new, in package socks and underwear. We've found that in the past, sock and under wear drives, usually have a great response! If that is something your class, school, or organization would like to do please contact us with any questions you might have!

Coming Up

March: Be on the look out for information about our yearly raffle! Tickets will be \$5.00 each and some of the prizes include: Southwest Airline Ticket(s), A Stay-cation in Albuquerque including hotel, dinner, and activities, having an Isotopes Suite for a game this summer, and Dinner and Tickets to the Tram! More Information to come soon!



April: Mark your calendars now for our annual Fashion Show! This year we will be holding it on April 2nd and we are looking for student models (age 5– high school). No modeling experience is needed, all we ask is that each model bring two new or gently used outfits to model and then donate those outfits to Locker #505. If you or any students you know are interested please contact us at director@locker505.org as soon as possible.