

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 Mentoring Month

What better way to start our re-vamped newsletter than highlighting National Mentoring Month! The Corporation for National and Community Service holds a campaign every January to raise awareness of the need for volunteer youth mentors to help children all over the United States reach their full potential.

Our volunteers do much of the work at Locker #505; they truly are mentors to all the students who come through our doors. Whether it is taking the time to make students and their families feel comfortable as soon as they walk through our doors, visiting with families as their students are fitted for their outfits, assisting staff with organization of new clothes, or answer-

ing the phone— our volunteers are mentors to all students; they continuously model and teach the importance of lifting spirits and supporting those in need.

At Locker #505 our hope is to not only mentor our students who come in, but to also be mentors in the community. As our mission statement prescribes, we are here to help all students in Bernalillo County achieve success and we hope that our partnership with local organizations will only increase our students' success in school.

This month we also want to recognize all of YOU and the work you do on a daily basis with the students who visit Locker #505. Whether you are a teacher, nurse, counselor, social

worker, principal, family liaison, clergy member or community support worker, we hope you know that your work as mentors for these students does not go unrecognized! Thank you for all the care and guidance you give to students and families every day— we are honored to partner with you and assist all students with their clothing needs.



A Message from the Executive Director

Hello Locker #505 Friends! To begin with I would like to "THANK YOU" for your support, whether it has been with a donation or sending a student to visit us. We simply could not do it without you. As it has been mentioned we saw 732 students this past semester; if you stop and think that is 732 pairs of shoes, 732 jackets/coats, a minimum of 1464 pairs of pants, over 4000 shirts, and over 4000 pairs of sock and underwear. We do

not receive any federal, state, or other government funding so without you this would not have happened!

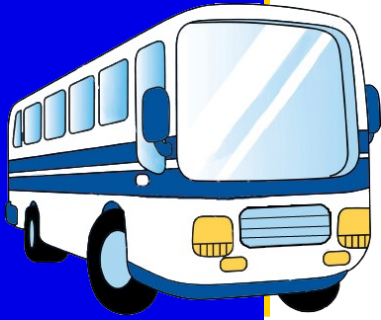
As we begin the new semester and you would like to help, we would love for your school, business, or club to have a Clothing Drive (gently used clothing or new socks and underwear), have a fundraiser for us or even a Change Drive (where students change is collected for a week). If you have another idea, we would

love to hear it.

Again, thank you for supporting the students of Bernalillo County that are in need of clothing to go to school. Feel free to share this newsletter with others; we want others to know about us, whether they need our services or have items to donate.

Fondly,

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



**Help us Stuff
the Bus on
January 21st!**

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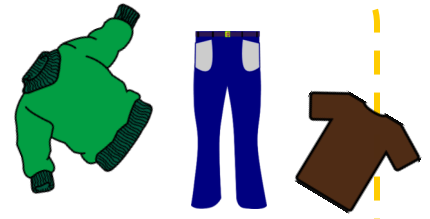
**Year to date
we have
helped 2200
students!**



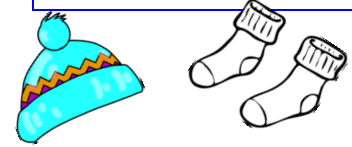
Stuff the Bus!

Throughout the year, we strive to offer many different options for the community to assist in donation drives and fundraising opportunities. This month we will be holding our annual "Stuff the Bus" donation event at Hinkle Family Fun Center. Our goal is to fill an entire city bus with gently used clothes for children and teens of all ages. This year "Stuff the Bus" will be held on Saturday, January 21st

from 10am-4pm. This is a great time to do some early spring cleaning and get those donations in! If you are a part of or know another community organization that would like to do a clothing drive to help fill the city bus, we are always in need of NEW shoes, socks, and underwear of all sizes. Please stop by and say hi and help us Stuff the Bus!



* We also provide school supplies, hygiene products, books, and toys to all the students that come into Locker #505. These items are also welcome on the 21st!



All You Need is a Little Faith

With the ebb and flow in our economic market, there are times when both physical and monetary resources can be stretched thin. This is a very real situation for Locker #505. As our Executive Director, Kim, explains, "One of our greatest fears at Locker #505 is turning students away because we don't have clothing in their size."

As you can see by the numbers, we have been busy helping hundreds of students this semester and serving thousands over the years. In November of last year, both our monetary and clothing donations dwindled, but the number of students we served continued to rise. During a particularly trying time, when we were at the bare minimum for certain sizes of shoes, Kim decided to use what little

money we had to purchase what was needed. As Kim went to check out she handed the clerk our tax-free card and the young woman inquired about what the items were for. Kim went on to explain Locker #505 and how we are a clothing bank for students in Bernalillo County. The young woman then asked if we had been located in portables before. Kim explained that we had been in the past and asked the young woman if she had ever utilized our services. With a smile on her face the clerk explained, "Yes! Every year for several years so that I wouldn't feel awkward going to school. Thank you!" Our gracious Kim smiled back and said, "You are welcome. I'm glad we could help."

The young clerk didn't know that the night before,

Kim had been pondering and praying about how to keep providing services and what the future held for Locker #505. By learning her story, Kim understood what her answer was. Even when times are tough, our mission to provide clothing for students in need will always be what drives us to serve our community. We may not always know how we will do it, but as the years have shown we will do it! That night helped all of us learn that even when we don't know what the future holds, we just need to have a little faith; which ironically was the young clerk's name.



Thank You Donors!

Without your donations we wouldn't be able to keep helping students and families!



Tips on Referring Students

- You can refer siblings who attend different schools, just please ensure each student has a separate referral form. For example, the referring party for an elementary school student can also refer siblings who are at other elementary, middle, or high schools as long as each student has a separate referral form.
- 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.
- 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

We are always in need of gently used clothes and so appreciate all the donations we get on a regular basis. **Right now our biggest need are jeans of all sizes. We currently carry jeans from size 5- size 52.** If you would like to donate jeans or



know friends or family members who are looking to clean out their closets, please drop them off at Locker #505 or any of our other drop off locations: Star Brite Cleaners (8000 Paseo Del Norte Blvd. NE), The Recognition Place (3320 San Mateo Blvd. NE), or AAHsome Nails (3006 Altez St. NE).

A fun fact about jeans: approximately 450 million pairs of jeans are sold in the United States every year! With those numbers there has to be jeans in every household that could go to help students in need!



Coming Up

Please join us for our fundraising event at Chipotle Mexican Grill (8120 San Pedro Dr. NE) on January 28th from 11:00am-9:00pm. If you show the Chipotle flyer, in person or on your smart phone, or tell the cashier that you are there to support Locker #505, 50% of the proceeds will be donated to our organization!

Feel free to hand out the attached flyer to anyone that would like to come and support us on this day.



ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support Locker #505. Come in to the Chipotle at **8120 San Pedro Drive NE** in Albuquerque on **Saturday, January 28th** between **11:00am** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Locker #505.



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If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.