

We have added the

D for Dollars &

D for Donations

The new school year brings new hope that perhaps the needs will not be as great. We have met new challenges in each of the last five years and we predict we have not faced the last.

Please feel assured that the board is still able to function with no salaries, no office or upkeep of a facility and our overhead stays at a very low level. Your dollars will go directly to the school children in the Kirksville R-III School District.

Please check out our new website and share in the happiness your donations brings to so many children.

Donations may be made on our website

IThinkICanFoundation.com

or mailed to:

P.O. Box 636

Kirksville, MO 63501

Believe in yourself – Pass it on!

We have tried to give the children in the Kirksville R-III School District the idea that they can become whatever they choose. Most of these children have not had the motivation to “think they can,” but we know a change is possible.

We have had several businesses and organizations support our efforts from the very beginning and we would like to let you know you have helped these children believe in themselves---thank you!

Western's Meat Market

Hy-Vee

Wal-Mart

Girl Scout Troop #9166

Kirksville Dental Group

Thousand Hills Rotary

Optimists

First Christian Church

Mary Immaculate Church

Payless Shoe Store

U.S. Bank

Kelly's Furniture Store

Quota Club

KTVO Heartland

The ABC's of the I Think I Can Foundation 2015-2016



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A's are for...

Achievements:

Five years ago we hoped we could figure out a way to help children in the Kirksville R-III schools, grades K through 5th. We have since been able to include all Kirksville R-III grades.

Attendance and Attitude:

Teachers frequently tell us that attendance has improved and disciplinary problems are fewer. A hungry child is a child who cannot focus. With food no longer a constant worry, the child can complete academic tasks.

Activities:

We feel in order to “level the playing field” we need to help children participate in all areas of education. We have helped some children purchase books, school pictures and yearbooks. All children should have the opportunity to explore avenues beyond academics.

B's are for...

Basics:

Our mission is to provide basic needs and opportunities to the children in the Kirksville R-III School District. Obviously, our focus has been on providing food throughout the school year.

We soon learned that basic needs also included clothing, hygiene items, OTC medications, and occasionally eye and dental care, just to name a few.

Backpacks:

Pantries have been set up at each school and these are supplied with food that is distributed daily to children whose teachers have designated as ones in need. These children are ones that the schools know will not have access to an evening meal. School personnel will see to it that these items are discreetly placed in the child's backpack at some time during the school day. Items may include a meat stick, a can of soup, pasta, fruit, crackers, or nutrition bars.



C's are for...

Choosing:

We do not choose the children or the families that we help. School teachers, principals, counselors, and nurses individually notify us if a child is in need.

Children:

Children in several classes have already picked up on what we are trying to do. One class decided not to have a gift exchange at Christmas and instead brought food items for their school's pantry.

Communication:

The success of this effort lies in the open communication that the Foundation and the schools maintain.

Community:

Obviously, we cannot do this alone. There are no words profound enough to express our appreciation to our community for its support. Thank you say the children.