

## WHY??



### WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO??

Let the following statements from the teachers explain:

“This student has not missed a day of school since beginning the daily food sack. She is a good reader and is now strong academically.”

This student received a coat: “I love my new coat, hat and gloves! They fit!! I will take special care of them.” The teacher noted, “She has done exactly that. The sparkle in her eyes every day says it all.”

“My student asks me daily when he will receive his food sack. He gives me the biggest, toothless smile and it really is priceless. He has made big improvements in his academics this year. I am convinced that your generosity to our school is one of the main reasons he is thriving.”

“Food is integral to my friend’s day. When a child continually cries out ‘I’m hungry’ during the day, it is imperative to fulfill that need before learning can occur. Please continue to help us bridge the gap between needs and learning and productivity.”



## THERE IS ONE FINAL “W”:

WITH your help we can continue.

Your support in the past has made a difference in so many young lives. Our numbers have grown each year - 2014-2015 will be no exception.

On the 100th day of school, a class was given the assignment of writing down what they would do if they had \$100. One student, who gets a daily food sack wrote, “I’d buy food for those that don’t have food.” The teacher commented: “we may think because they are so little that they don’t get it or understand, but oh they do!!!”

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**YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!!!**

**THANK YOU!!!!**

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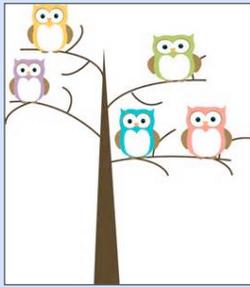
**KIRKSVILLE R-III**

**2014-2015**

**“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”**

**Frederick Douglas**

# WHO??



## WHO ARE WE??

If you haven't heard of us, or if you have, either way, we're the I THINK I CAN FOUNDATION. We formed our group in 2009 and have been doing what we can to help the teachers help the students in the Kirksville R-III school district for the past several years. We've reassessed our goals on several occasions, we've revamped when necessary, and now we've set our sights on the 2014-2015 school year.

We are five local citizens who have no financial interest in this organization - we have no salaries, we have no office - we have very little overhead. We have been overwhelmed by the problems of hunger in our own school district - we have no background in what we are doing - we just work through problems as they arise and regroup when needed. We are pleasantly astonished at the support of Kirksville and surrounding areas and will do everything we can to justify their trust.

# WHAT??



## WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO??

TO PROVIDE BASIC NECESSITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT.

### BASIC NECESSITIES:

Obviously a basic necessity is food. Children's hunger has been and will continue to be our number one priority. A close second is clothing.

### OPPORTUNITIES:

We have helped at book fairs and provided children the opportunity to purchase a book for the very first time. We have seen to it that children are given money coupons so that they may attend the annual Decade Dance. Art supplies have been given to a young boy who showed exceptional talent at drawing. Music lessons were provided for a young girl who would come to school early to practice her piano because she couldn't afford actual music lessons after school. With the help of the supplier, we were able to provide yearbooks to a few children at the end of school.

# WHERE??



## WHERE DO WE HELP??

We have set up pantries at each school for daily distribution of food. We assist each school nurse with OTC medication and hygiene items. Clothing items are stored in cabinets and individual requests are met when particular needs arise. When medical attention is required for a particular student, we ask local professionals to help and they have willingly responded.

# WHEN??



## WHEN ARE WE ASKED??

We do not choose the children or the families. We rely solely on the school administrators, principals, teachers, nurses, and counselors to tell us where and what we can do. We are simply the facilitator between the schools and the community.

When the holidays and long weekends mean breaks from school, it also means breaks from the breakfast and lunch on which many of the children rely. With the cooperation of our local food stores, we have provided food on each of these occasions to as many as 160 children.