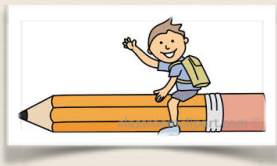


WHAT'S NEW - ACADEMICS!!

2018—

We are, again, reevaluating the progress of the foundation and are starting a new program that will work separately from our original fund. We want to address “leveling the playing field” when it comes to **ACADEMICS!** Students who want to succeed and realize the importance of a good education should not be denied access because of financial need— we want to try to help. One area of interest will be academic endeavors outside of the Kirksville district—camps, classes, or seminars. We will also be available to help with extra-curricular or required academic activity at the Kirksville schools. Guidelines have been established and the nominees will be named by the schools.

We are also allowing up to a \$1000.00 scholarship to a Kirksville high school student upon graduation. This scholarship could be used to further their education at a trade school, tech school, 2 or 4 year college, or a mentoring program. This scholarship will also require guidelines and completion of an application.



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Kirksville Vocational-Tech School

Kirksville R-III Students

Calumet Valley Orchard

Though we are not listing

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Are just as grateful!!

Our deepest apology to any
One we might have missed!



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2018-2019

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The I Think I Can Foundation is about to begin it's 10th year working with the Kirksville Schools and the community of Kirksville, Missouri. When we started this endeavor we had no idea what we were doing and it probably showed. With your help over the years, we have been able to provide basic needs and opportunities to many of the students in the Kirksville R-III School District. We believe it has made a difference — a positive difference. And, we're again asking for your support to continue.

"It's easier to build strong children than it is to repair strong men."

Frederick Douglass



REFLECTIONS

2008-2009

When we first realized that kids were hungry in our Kirksville schools—it didn't seem possible and it certainly wasn't acceptable. We gathered, got legalized, got organized and began to feed as many as we were asked from K-through 5th for the holiday breaks. With the help of some volunteers, we delivered bags of food to children and their families.

2009-2012

It wasn't long before we understood that basic needs included clothing, hygiene items, OTC medication, physician visits, eye glasses, etc. We provided assistance or found someone who could. We realized kids were still dealing with nothing to eat after school on a daily basis. And, what about weekends? We had, by now, added the Middle School and the High School to our lists. We set up pantries at each school and with their help, food was discreetly placed in assigned student's backpacks at the end of the day. For the holidays, we had the parents come to the school to pick up bags of groceries. However, there still seemed to be a "glitch."

2013-2018

Appreciative as everyone was, a lot of the food was just not being used. We were assuming the children and the families "liked" the food that we bought, that they "knew" how to prepare it, that they even had appliances to "cook" with. With the cooperation of our local grocery stores, we worked out a method whereby families could choose what they wanted to eat, choose what they knew how to prepare, and choose those items that would meet their needs. They could not purchase alcohol or cigarettes, they could only purchase food items and they were limited to the amount they could spend. I Think I Can Foundation picked up the tab and it finally seemed to work well!!

SUMMARY!

It's been a good ten years—a learning experience for the board, and we hope to continue to learn. We will try to meet the needs as they are presented to us. We, of course, could do none of this if it weren't for the community and we have been overwhelmed by the support we have received over the years—we will continue as long as we can, though we really wish there was no need for us at all!!!

