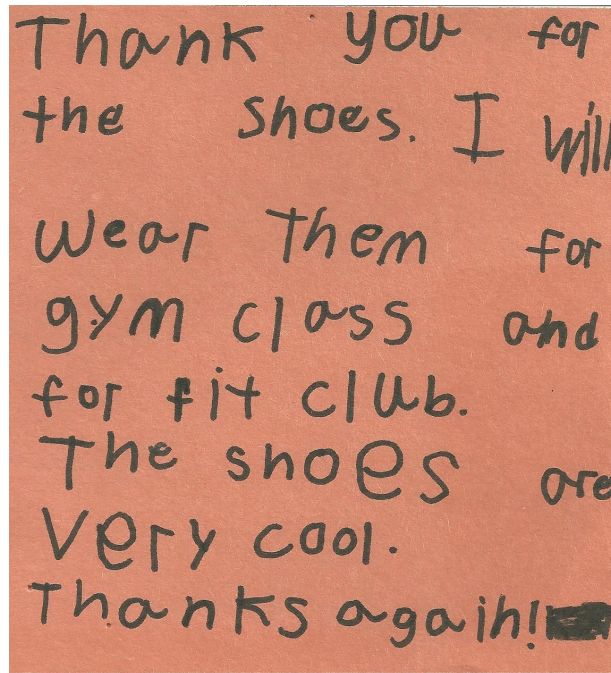


Pay It Forward

My Student in Need® believes in the Pay It Forward System. When a student receives help through My Student in Need®, an anonymous donor has volunteered to assist that student through some type of donation. So, once a student has received help from My Student in Need®, it is encouraged that he/she learn about what it means to “pay it forward”. My Student in Need® does not require that students who have or are receiving help “pay it forward”, however, if the student wishes to give back, volunteering is a rewarding experience.

How does a school district get started with My Student in Need® ?

- The Superintendent of Schools writes a letter on school district letterhead to My Student in Need asking to be a part of the project.
- The letter should include a list of schools: Elementary, Middle, High School and a liaison for either the district or each school as appropriate. Include contact information. Finally the @hostname (for example: @gfps.k12.mt.us) for the school district.
- **It's that simple!**



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By brokering the community's kindness, we bring hope to the hopeless!

What We Help With My Student in Need®



Approved Need Request Categories

Bed (Twin or Full) My Student in Need® can only post for a bed for the student, not parents.

Clothing (jeans, sweat pants, shorts, shirts, sweatshirts, dress clothing)

Underwear (includes underpants, undershirts, bras, socks) For sanitary reasons, all underwear must be new and in the package.

Shoes (tennis shoes, dress shoes, sandals)

Coats (Cold weather & light jackets)

Winter Boots

Hats, gloves scarves

Bus/Transit Passes – Local transportation only. (Passes cannot be requested for a Student who has been removed from the public school bus for disciplinary reasons)

Bicycle

Musical Instrument (May include a used instrument donated to the school music program or the student or some schools have a low cost rental program that a donor can donate the amount of the fee.)

School Supplies

Backpacks

Personal Hygiene Supplies (Deodorant, Shampoo, Soap, Feminine supplies)

Towels & Bedding

Emergency Food (Generally food is available through other community resources, however, we can provide a “backpack”)

Sports “equipment” (like shoes or cleats, shorts, gloves, knee pads, etc. The rule here is—reasonable)

Camps, sports fees (generally My Student in Need® does not provide assistance with these needs, however, given that we understand the importance of student participation in activities that keep students motivated and engaged in their education, we will consider each of these needs on a case by case basis before saying “no”)

Other (the major determining factors will be reasonable expense and “need”)

Excluded Needs – vehicle expenses, gas, insurance, driver’s license fees, vehicle repairs, telephone fees.

NOTE: Student needs are often fulfilled with gift cards. Gift cards **MUST** be used by the teacher to purchase the “needed” items.

Testimonial

As we are coming to the close of another school year, I wanted to thank “My Student in Need” for being the vital link to our student and families success. As the Family Engagement Advocate for a high needs school, you have provided clothing, housewares, shoes, and more to students that had NOTHING.

The process is effortless, and takes 2 minutes total. One email. My Student in Need does the work, and usually within 2 days maximum. It exemplifies community at its highest functioning level. Allowing people to take care of people, while the staff and program flawlessly orchestrate it.

I truly don’t know how we would provide the support at our school without this program. From all of us at Longfellow Elementary, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

- Claire, Longfellow Elementary

