

# SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

STUDENT SERVICES CENTER

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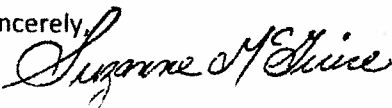
Sun Country Trailblazers  
c/o Wendy Griffith  
12524 SW 112<sup>th</sup> St. Rd.  
Dunnellon, FL 34432

Dear Ms. Griffith & Members,

Thank you for your donations of food to the Homeless/Needy Children Program. Your support is greatly appreciated. Guidance counselors and school social workers refer families in need daily to our office. Food has become a regular need so, historically, it has been difficult for us to keep our food supply stocked. Your donations will help us to meet the emergency needs of these children and their families.

Believe it or not, there are over 1,500 homeless children enrolled in Marion County Public Schools. The McKinney-Vento Act defines "homeless children and youth as: children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are living with a friend/relative, living in a motel/hotel, trailer park, camping grounds, emergency shelters, abandoned in hospitals or awaiting permanent foster care placement." Homeless children are guaranteed free breakfasts and lunches through our Food Services Department, but dinner time may be a different story. That is why we try to keep our food pantry full so we can always meet the emergency needs of these children. Children are constantly growing, and should never have to go hungry.

Thank you again for your generosity. Please know what an impact you have all made to children in need. Please contact our office at (352) 671-6847 if you have any questions. For your records, our Federal Tax ID number is 59-2949915.

Sincerely,  


Suzanne McGuire, MPA  
Homeless/Needy Children Program  
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