

Did you know? There are almost 400 homeless children in our four Chino Valley Schools! That's about 17% of our population!

Did you know? Homelessness is defined as "lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence". In most cases when children are living with grandparents or other relatives, they are considered homeless by the Federal Government.

Did you know? There is no local school funding for the Homeless Program. Public schools rely on McKinney-Vento, Title 1 funding from the Federal Government. These funds subsidize my 30 hours a week position to work with homeless children and their families. The funds also help coordinate and pay for transportation services, pay-to-play fees, and preschool tuition for homeless students who need them.

Did you know? Other than that, the program relies 100% on donations. The needs are ongoing. If we all do a little, we can make a huge difference as I hope you've seen today.

Did you know? Weekend meal bags were sent home with 328 students in Chino Valley every weekend this school year.

Did you know? There are many ways you can help. You can donate needed items (see list on the back). You can donate money. You can volunteer to do laundry, organize things or for special events.

Did you know? There are two ways to donate money. You can donate to Chino Valley Unified School District. Or, you can donate to the Chino Valley Education Foundation and receive a tax credit for up to \$400 for an individual and \$800 for a couple. Please indicate (in either case) that the money is to be used for the Homeless program.

Items to Donate -

- New, full-sized toiletries - deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes in single packages, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, nail clippers, hair brushes, toilet paper, Kleenex, shaving cream, chapstick, soap
- New underwear of any size, new women's or girl's socks (Bombas donates men's and boy's socks.)
- New or gently used (clean) pants, shirts, pajamas, hoodies and coats that are school appropriate and age appropriate
- New school supplies - college ruled filler paper, Crayola 24-count crayons, glue sticks, pencils, pens, scissors, colored pencils, spiral notebooks that are college ruled, 2 pocket folders, 1" binders
- New laundry soap, dish soap, sanitizing wipes, hand soap and hand sanitizer
- Gift cards to local restaurants in \$10-\$15 increments - McDonald's, Taco Bell, Sonic, Burger King, Dominos, Pizza Hut, KFC, Subway
- New or gently used flat sheets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths (no blankets please, I have many)
- New or gently used books appropriate for students

When you donate, please keep in mind that these are students who will be receiving the items. They won't wear "old lady clothes" or outdated items. The goal is to give them the opportunity to be successful in school. The ultimate goal of school is to become successful and contributing members of society.

If you have other items to donate, please call me before you bring them. I only have one classroom and very little storage space.

Thank you in advance on behalf of the children you are helping,

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