



An Opportunity to **help**
Make Wishes Come True.

The School Supply Fund
Enabling teachers to
provide children with
necessary school supplies.

The Sneaker Exchange
Providing students in need
with clean socks and shoes to
participate in all school activities
with increased confidence
and self-esteem.

**The Indian River Regional
Science and Engineering
Fair Program**
Encouraging curiosity and
creative thinking through the
application of the scientific method.

**Great Ideas/ Grants
Programs**
Funding teacher grants
to engage and excite students
in the process of learning.

**Building Libraries
Book Exchange**
Distributing books to teachers
and librarians to start or expand
classroom libraries.

Our Mission

The mission of the Education
Foundation of Indian River County is
to enrich and enhance educational
opportunities for all students and
teachers, in both public and private
schools, through effective fund-
raising and efficient allocation of
resources.

Grand Harbor Community Outreach Awards Grant to Education Foundation of IRC

The Education Foundation of Indian River County received a \$3,000 grant to fund their Sneaker Exchange and School Supply Program. The gift will provide more than 200 pairs of sneakers and backpacks to children in need in Indian River County.

Two years ago the Board of Directors of the Education Foundation identified the need to combine the Sneaker Exchange and School Supply Funds together. They recognized that both programs serve economically disadvantaged students. All funds raised for both programs are restricted for the purpose purchasing sneakers, socks, backpacks, school supplies and school uniforms. The program serves 26 public schools in Indian River County.

Below is an outline of how the program services have expanded during the past two years:

- 1,700 complete backpack kits for students in grades Pre K through 12th grades were distributed at the start of the 2008-2009 school year to children in need. Students were identified by the school principals, administrators and teachers. This represents an increase of 992 backpack kits over the previous year. More than 440 of the students were in grades 6th through 12th grades.
- 90 students at the Alternative Education Centers have received assistance to obtain uniforms to participate in school activities.
- 55 physical education (P.E.) uniforms, totaling \$1,400, were given to Sebastian River High School students in need. The students are required to wear a specific P.E. uniform. Physical education is a graduation requirement. Prior to this initiative, students were not graduating because they could not afford the P.E. uniform.
- Beachland Elementary, Pelican Island Elementary, Vero Beach Elementary and Storm Grove Middle Schools received \$500 each to implement a new uniform program. These grants were funded by U.S. Trust/Bank of America Private Wealth Management.
- 700 classrooms receive \$50.00 Staples gift cards annually. This \$35,000 initiative helps teachers provide supplies for children in need. It also helps relieve the financial burden many teachers bear to provide classroom supplies. Currently the program serves students Pre K through 5th grades and one middle school. Eventually, the Foundation would like to expand the program to all public middle and high schools.
- 14,000 + pairs of socks and shoes have been distributed to students in need since the program began in 1993. More than 2,000 pairs will be distributed during the 2008-2009 school year to economically disadvantaged students.

To donate or to learn more about the Education Foundation of Indian River County, visit: www.edfoundationirc.org or call (772) 564-0034.