

Dear Friends,

Because of generous partners who made the annual **Back-to-School Outreach** possible, we are hearing incredible stories of impact. Here is one story we received just the other day from a staff member at our partner school:

***“You guys have no idea... I had a new girl that started yesterday. Her mother was killed in an accident. She is an amazing little girl in kindergarten. Her grandma has custody of her and her younger brother. She was very excited when I was able to give her one of the Emoji backpacks filled with supplies and help her with a uniform. If it wasn't for your organization and you guys, this would not have been possible. This child is so excited and it made her aunt cry. She was so grateful!”***



**Volunteer Amber Marmol**

Stories like this are not uncommon. They show how big of an impact something like school supplies make in a child's life. Thank you so much for making moments like this possible; what a joy it was to see the children receive the backpacks and supplies you provided through Wings of Love and Care this year.



**Volunteer Jenny Wainwright**

Altogether, **over 175 children** who attend this elementary school in St. Louis, MO (where 100% of families live below the poverty line) were blessed with more than **4,800 supply items!** Because so much was donated, **we together increased the amount of children served in our annual Back-to-School outreach by 350% this year**, enabling us to equip more children than ever with the tools they need to start the school year right.

Special thanks to the Wainwright family for their support and for working with some of the Cardinals' wives to collect supplies. Thanks also to The Crossing Church, Charter Tax Department, Monarch Jewelry and Endless Opportunities Worldwide for hosting collections.



But your impact did not end there. This spring and summer, we had several Volunteer Work Days to help clean and provide maintenance to the building. Volunteers from Twin Rivers, Element Church, The Crossing Church, Faith Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Heartland Baptist and additional individuals did SO MUCH! They worked tirelessly from doing special cleaning projects and construction to organizing clothing and pulling weeds. **We are very grateful for everyone who gives so freely of their time and talent. By volunteering, Wings of Love and Care saved thousands of dollars.**

The holidays are just around the corner, and we are preparing to serve 250 families turkeys with all the trimmings for **Thanksgiving**. Last year we spent \$3,700 to purchase turkeys. We are grateful to report to date we have already received a commitment of \$2,000 to put towards the need for this year. This is a huge blessing, leaving us to raise an additional \$1,700 for the turkey goal alone.

The **Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program** last year was such a success, we are planning to do it again. **Please let us know if you would like to adopt a family for Christmas.** There will be a meal together with your adopted family and time for you to present your gifts to them. This proved to be a *very special* time last year. The people were so appreciative of everything they received.

The 2017 event is scheduled for **Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 12:00pm.** Please contact the Crisis Aid office at 1.888.740.7779 or [info@crisisaid.org](mailto:info@crisisaid.org) for more information. There will be a specific Christmas wishes and needs list provided for each family. **You will be providing Christmas to a family who will not have Christmas presents otherwise!**

Again, thank you for your tremendous love, support and prayers.

God bless you,

*Sue & Pat & Team*

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**PS: Together, we currently serve 1,080 people from over 400 families every month. We need your donations today to keep this important year-long work going! [www.crisisaid.org/designate](http://www.crisisaid.org/designate)**