



IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31st of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

Contact Person, Congregation, and email address:

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1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort:

The outreach board sent a note home with all students in our local elementary to see what needs there were for coats, boots, and snowpants. We had the families write down sizes needed along with whether it was for a boy or girl. Then we gathered those notes during fall conferences, letting families be discreet. Then we gathered the notes and compared what we already had in our supplies with what was still needed. Then we went shopping with the grant money to purchase the needed items. We were able to fill 15 families' orders for coats, boots and snowpants with the supplies we purchased and already previously had.

2. What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish?

Our goal was to be able to help as many families as possible with supplying warm wear for their children. We were hoping to prevent kids being outside in the elements without proper attire.

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

We feel like we were able to achieve our goal as we helped 15 families, each with two or more children be prepared for the winter elements.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

We did have some requests for younger and older students that we did fill this time but that is something that we will change, as students in elementary go outside for recess and were who we were hoping to concentrate on.

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

We also have heard that some parents are just automatically waiting for us to hand out coats regardless if they can afford it or not. We may base it more on need, rather than all students.

6. Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself?

We are hoping to be able to continue with this outreach, we just may not be able to help as many families that sign up.

7. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

When preparing your note to families it is important to be as specific as possible with your age ranges and to have families write down a Y behind youth sizes, as some we had to guess if it was youth or adult.