



District News



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KMBZ's 'COATS FOR KIDS' WARMS HOLIDAYS FOR STUDENTS

Thanks to the generosity of thousands of NewsRadio 980 KMBZ listeners, 1,000 students have a warm coat to wear this winter. For the second straight year, KMBZ included the Hickman Mills C-1 School District in their annual 'Coats for Kids' campaign.

For almost a month, KMBZ asked their listeners to drop off new or gently used coats to metro-area Pride Cleaners and selected other business partners for cleaning and distribution to school children in the Hickman Mills C-1, Kansas City Missouri, Kansas City Kansas and Independence school districts. Superintendent Dr. Marge Williams went 'on-air' live from Gail's Harley-Davidson in Grandview December 12 during the wrap-up of the coat drive and members of the Sertoma Club of Kansas City distributed the coats to the district later that afternoon.



(top right) Superintendent Dr. Marge Williams talks to KMBZ's E. J. Becker during Kansas City's Morning News on NewsRadio 980 December 12 during the wrap-up of the station's 'Coats for Kids' drive. *(bottom right)* John Herrera, assistant principal at Ruskin High School, helps staff and members of the Sertoma Club of Kansas City off-load coats for distribution to the district's elementary and middle schools.

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT, HARVESTERS KEEPS KIDS FROM GOING HOME HUNGRY

Making sure the district's more than 3,000 elementary students have something to eat during the school day is no problem, however, making sure many of them have something when they go home is more challenging. Luckily, the *BackSnack* program is there to help.

Harvesters, the city's food bank, provides everything for the *BackSnack* program, from the food to the backpacks. Under the program, at-risk children are given nutritious, pre-prepared food primarily on Fridays to take home for weekend consumption. Nearly 900 students in the district's eight elementary schools are in the *BackSnack* program.

"Most of them have very little to eat on the weekends," said Gayle Wood, the district's LINC (Local Investment Commission) liaison. LINC provides before and after-school care to the district's elementary schools. Students involved in the *BackSnack* program are either eligible for, or participate in the free and/or reduced-price meal program and have been identified as 'chronically hungry.'

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 12 million children nationwide live in food-insecure households

DID YOU KNOW???

Eighty percent of high school students report stress-related problems caused by pressure to get good grades and 40 percent say there is too much pressure on them to "act as adults."

--Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, a nonprofit educational group