

## Boots For Kids Survey / School Counselor

1. In the past, when we gathered the vouchers needed for individual schools from counselors, the rotary would pick up and deliver to schools (if you were here when they did it that week, did you distribute all the boots to students in need?)

- I don't think I was here for that. I know recently how we are doing where I will email you the list and someone from the rotary club will pick out the boots and bring them to school. That has been working great!
- I would like this as I would be able to know which sizes are needed most.
- This is much more effective. A lot of parents don't have transportation or are working during the same hours as the Work Warehouse, so they aren't able to pick them up. Sometimes the student or the parent would lose the voucher too. Snow boots are pretty forgiving and we don't have to have an exact fit as it would be a better use of the money to be able to call and request certain sizes.
- I wasn't here, but I think that would be really helpful, because sometimes parents don't have transportation, gas, or are at such a high level of stress that they are incapable of one more thing, even if that list needs it.
- With the new snow there may be a need now. I think the last two years it has been so dry that maybe parents didn't see a need for snow boots, however now that it is blizzard conditions they may see a need for them. I had recent duty and most kids did not have boots or gloves on today. I think parents do the best they can, but some of them live in such chaos and disorganization they can't find hats, coats, boots, gloves, etc. It is a sad situation. Kids are left to fend for themselves.
- I was not here in the past when the rotary would drop off the boots to distribute. I think that may be helpful to have that option though.

### 2. Why do you think parents did not follow through when given vouchers this year?

- I know a lot of my families struggle with means of transportation and having the extra time to go and pick out the snowboots.
- I think transportation could be a factor. And maybe because they feel like they might still need to own money?
- I think the weather was so nice that it wasn't a priority. Also many parents don't have transportation or they are working, so they aren't able to pick them up.
- One of my parents brought the voucher back because they thought they had to pay for some of it and just ended up getting some at wal-mart. I don't know why the other didn't follow through, I'm guessing because of the above answer. She was dealing with domestic abuse and had four kids, no money, and was about to be evicted.
- I am not sure why parents do not follow through. I think it could be they knew/ misplace the voucher before using it, forget about it, don't have transportation, or may have difficulty finding time to get them.
- The demographic of kids who need snow boots, unfortunately have parents who will not take the time to go get their kids actual snow boots. Even if they do have a voucher.

### 3. Do you honestly feel there is a need for snow boots?

- Yes!
- Yes at my school there is, especially for younger kids. I think for my students, it's a lot easier if I distribute the boots.
- Yes, there is a need for snow boots at the elementary level.
- I know there is a need for snow boots.
- I do feel that there is a need for boots as we have sets we let kids borrow and some just keep in their classroom so they have them for home. I think it is harder to identify with some of the older elementary kids with the need.
- I sent out an email to teachers, but I don't think there is a high need for boots at Paintbrush.
- Yes, I do feel there's a need for snowboots, but also shoes in general. I have several kids who will randomly need a pair of shoes because the sole ripped off.