



Project 680

SUPPORTING HOMELESS STUDENTS

"Project 680" is an organization that supports the needs of local homeless students. The Folsom Cordova Unified School District has over 1500 documented cases of "homeless" students. It's hard to grasp that so many local kids are struggling with something as basic as a stable place to live (there were 680 in 2008, which was how we derived our name).

WHAT IS A HOMELESS STUDENT? "Homeless" is defined as "an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate residence." The students that the school district serves in Folsom and Rancho Cordova are living in unstable places like motels, in homes without a parent or legal guardian, in homes without power or water, in RVs in parking lots, in cars, in tents, on the streets, and more. Being a kid or teenager these days is difficult enough without adding the struggle of instability in living arrangements.

FINDING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS: Project 680 is a grassroots team effort led by local residents to do something about the problem of student homelessness. We're all about discovering practical ways to support local students. We are not looking to create enormous and time-consuming programs either, but emphasizes that are easy to pull off and also make sense for everyone. We are continually keeping our eyes and ears open for what local students need and then we do something about it by getting the community involved. We are committed to being transparent to the community in all regards and to integrously and appropriately handling donations of every kind, whether monetary or other.

We collect donations through the year, and also have semiannual projects (most recent drive was a 2015 Hoodie/Hygiene drive - still accepting donations though). We have several local companies that support their own fundraisers for Project 680 through the year. Here are the major items we collect through the year:

- Hoodie Sweatshirt – New Hoodies are gathered in the fall, and provided to the kids through the year
- Socks and Underwear – Package of new undergarments are gathered and distributed through the year
- Shoes (ongoing) – Payless Shoe Source gift cards, cash, and checks are accepted through the year. During the winter, the kids meet at the Payless Shoe Source and get to pick out shoes!
- Donations (ongoing) – Provided to homeless students in the FCUSD as the board sees fit. What you donate goes directly to students.

Project 680 does not currently have non-profit 501c3 status, but we are grateful for the [Cordova Community Council](#) accepting checks on our behalf as a non-profit partner to Project 680. Please contact us if you are interested in making a tax-deductible financial contribution. Checks can be made payable to "Cordova Community Council" with "Project 680" in the memo section.

The drives we have done have been successful thus far because it's been easy to get involved and easy to see that such a basic need was important for local students. Our communities in Folsom & Rancho Cordova have a big heart for local kids and they respond generously when hearing about what local students need. We are accessible on the internet (www.fcproject680.org) and Facebook ([project680](https://www.facebook.com/project680)).

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love" Mother Theresa