

PROJECT 680 UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Supporting Homeless Students in Rancho Cordova & Folsom www.project680.org

Did you know that the Folsom Cordova Unified School District had 680 documented cases of “homeless” students within the district last year? Can you believe that? It’s hard to grasp that so many local kids are struggling with something as basic as a stable place to live.

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.

WHAT IS PROJECT 680? Project 680 is a grassroots effort by local residents to discover simple ways to support homeless students. This is all about responding to a local problem in very practical ways that make sense for our busy lives and the needs of students. It’s about teaming up with other residents and organizations to be a part of the solution to this issue.



YOU CAN HELP NOW! Project 680 is doing an underwear drive to collect new pairs of underwear for FCUSD’s homeless students. We were told by the District Liaison for Homeless Services that new underwear is a relevant need among ages 6-17, so it makes sense to collect as many pairs as we can (our goal is 680 pairs). We will be collecting new underwear from now until Friday May 8th.

One of the best ways to help out is to ask people you know to get involved. We have found that people are very willing to lend support when they find out about this cause. Maybe you could email friends, put out a collection box at work, become a drop-off location, get your church involved, call a few family members, talk with your neighbors, ask a local business to contribute, sell something on Craigslist and donate proceeds toward underwear, or ask your kids what they would like to do.

UNDERWEAR INFORMATION: Only new undergarments in sealed packages will be accepted. Elementary boys and girls: sizes 4-10, standard underwear, full briefs. For older elementary, as well as middle school and high school students: boys generally prefer boxers and could use a range of sizes from boys 10-12 through men’s XL. Girls generally prefer a modest bikini brief (side seams are commonly 3-4 inches) The older girls generally prefer a side seam of about 3" or so. Thongs are inappropriate for this project. Older elementary, middle school and high school girls would appreciate underwear from girls 12 to a range of teen sizes.

THERE ARE OVER A DOZEN DROP-OFF LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT RANCHO CORDOVA, FOLSOM, & MATHER Donation drop-boxes are placed at the door of various households and organizations. All drop-offs are listed at www.project680.org/underwear

Together we can make a difference – even in this economy.



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