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world vision,  
Chicago?

# Kids In Need

*School Supplies for Chicago's Young Learners*

## Better than Christmas

*"It was better than Christmas," says middle school science teacher Karen Trout, of her first visit to World Vision's Kids In Need resource center.*

*Karen, like her fellow teachers at Johnson School and throughout the Chicago public school system, often provides materials for her classroom and school supplies for her students. "If I didn't provide it, they wouldn't have it," she says. Public school teachers regularly spend more than \$1,000 each year out of their own pockets to ensure students are equipped for the classroom.*

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*Pencils, rulers, and paper are the first tools of learning for young*

*engineers, architects, and scientists. Students from low-income communities in Chicago deserve the chance to have full access to these tools of learning.*

*Kids In Need supplies are available to Chicago public schools that have 70 percent or more of their students eligible for the school lunch program. Currently, Kids In Need serves more than 25*



*Chicago area schools with a goal of adding 12 new schools each fiscal year.*

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*— Karen Trout,  
Science teacher*

*supply needs in Chicago since 1997.*

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World Vision and the School and Home Office Products Association (SHOPA) Foundation partnered together to form Kids In Need, a program that supplies students and teachers in economically challenged school districts with classroom materials. The Kids In Need resource center, located on Chicago's West Side, has been meeting school



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### **How the Kids In Need program works**

More than 20 companies from across the country donate products directly to Kids In Need. These products are distributed to Kids In Need resource centers in several cities, including: Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Seattle/Tacoma, and Washington, D.C.

Last year, Kids In Need distributed nearly 100,000 items, benefiting thousands of students in 26 Chicago urban schools. Products available include everything from three-ring binders, to globes, to pens, pencils—everything students need to succeed in school.

Because all items are donated, teachers visiting the Kids In Need resource center do not pay a single penny for the goods they choose.

### **What Is Your Vision?**

This vital and growing program depends on the generosity of friends like you to ensure that Kids In Need continues to help students. There are several opportunities for involvement:

- Volunteers are needed to sort and stock donated materials.
- Financial gifts help pay for rent and utilities at the resource center.
- Material donations help meet the needs of students in Chicago, while at the same time providing your company with tax benefits, and positive public exposure.

Thank you for your interest, your support, and your prayers for Kids In Need and the children who will benefit from it. Please contact us for more information about Kids In Need and how you can be involved.

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