



The mission of the Kids In Need Foundation is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need.

National Network of Resource Centers

- Purpose: to provide free school supplies to students whose families cannot afford to purchase them and to provide classroom supplies to teachers in under funded schools.
- The National Network: The Kids In Need National Network consists of 23 Resource Centers. More than 1.6 million children and 100,000 teachers are served.
- Operation: The Resource Centers are operated on a day-to-day basis by a non profit partner in each particular city. The Foundation supports the Centers by distributing product donated to the Foundation. Support is also offered in the forms of information, strategies, and research provided by the staff of Kids In Need, including the annual two-day Summit of seminars and exchanges of best practices.



School Box Program

To serve children not located near Resource Centers, Kids In Need offers communities the option of sponsoring a school supplies giveaway program.

Kids In Need Teacher Grants

- Purpose: to provide funding to certified K-12 teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas for classroom projects but lack the budget to bring them to life.
- The Process: Teachers submit applications during the back-to-school season, which are made available at the outlets and offices of the retail and education credit union sponsors.
- The Sponsors: The 2008 Teacher Grants program has two national retail sponsors, Jo-Ann Stores, Inc., and Office Depot. Regional retail sponsors are Fred Meyer and Publix.
- *The Best Practices Guide*: Lesson plans of the funded projects are compiled in a Guide for teachers and are available on the Kids In Need Foundation Web site, www.kidsinneed.net.



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