



Muscogee County School District

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Homeless...Not Helpless Initiative

Did you know there are over 1,500 identified homeless and unaccompanied youth in the Muscogee County School District?

(Columbus, GA)-The Muscogee County School District (MCSD), in partnership with the MCSD Homeless Education and Literacy Program (HELP), plans a donation drive to collect needed items for students who are unaccompanied youth or homeless. Schools and businesses throughout Columbus may participate through November 30, 2012.

Donation items to be collected at each school level:

- **Elementary Schools:** Socks and Gloves
- **Middle Schools:** Travel Size Items for Hygiene Kits
- **High Schools:** Coats, Hats and Blankets

A special MCSD program is scheduled for **Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Columbus Public Library, 3000 Macon Road**. Students, school staff representatives, the MCSD Guidance/Homeless Department, special guests from Davis Broadcasting (Foxie 105) and other businesses will be there to distribute the items to partners and community organizations that assist homeless children or unaccompanied youth.

Parents are encouraged to be involved with the Homeless...Not Helpless initiative through the district's *parental involvement campaign, **Be There***, by sharing a teachable moment with their child. Parents can access and submit a *Be There* teachable moment form to their child's school explaining why it is important to engage in the initiative. The teachable moment could be selected to air in the *Be There* media partner's 5:30 p.m. newscast (WTVM) on Wednesdays throughout the month of November.

For more information on how you can help, contact: Jennifer Ogletree, MCSD Homeless Outreach Specialist, ogletree.jennifer@muscogee.k12.ga.us, (706) 748-3226, or email communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us.

Participating Schools:

Elementary **Middle** **High**

Blanchard	Arnold	Hardaway
Brewer	Blackmon Rd	Kendrick
Cusseta	Fort	Northside
Dawson	Marshall	Shaw
Dimon	Richards	Rose Hill
Downtown	Veterans	
Edgewood		
Fox		
Gentian		
Hannan		
Mathews		
Muscogee		
North Columbus Elementary		
River Road		
Wesley Heights		
Wynnton		

Brookstone School