

SINGLE SERVICE PROJECT

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COLLECTING SHOES FOR “THE SHOEMAN’S” CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Service Need

Discovery of Project

At last year’s official visit of Missouri-Arkansas Governor Barb Thompson, our Kiwanis Advisor invited Bridgeway K-Kids president, her mother, and Faculty Advisor to attend so that the K-Kids president could give a talk on Club activities as a member of the Kiwanis Family.



The featured speaker was George Hutchings, founder of The Shoeman Clean Water Project who told us how the shoes that Kiwanians brought to the dinner that night will provide children in Third World countries clean water. It was a project that impressed everybody. The project discussed by our School and Kiwanis sponsors, researched on the internet (www.shoeman.org), and it was decided that this type of project, sponsored by the Bridgeway K-Kids Club could work as a yearlong service project for our elementary school.

Need Addressed

How do we impact the needs of others and teach people to help themselves? We invited Mr. Shoeman to speak at a Bridgeway School assembly to tell our students that children in Kenya and other Third World Countries are dying from unsanitary conditions brought about by lack of clean water and disease-carrying bacteria. Many of them walk barefooted since they don’t have shoes to keep parasites from entering their body through the feet. George Hutchings, founder of The Shoeman Clean Water Projects figured out how to do both. He collects shoes and sends them to Kenya to provide inexpensive shoes for people and provide a job selling the shoes. With any money that is collected, water wells are drilled. He also trains people there how to drill their own wells and repair the wells.

Project Plan

The sponsors met and decided it would be a service project that could be accomplished by our elementary school. Officers and sponsors met to plan how we would go about spreading the word to the entire school children and their families. Each month after that would involve some type of collection or fund raiser with K-Kids leading the events. After the plan was approved by the administration, we were on our way.



Bridgeway K-Kids Planning Meeting

Project Implementation

NOVEMBER--Beginning early in November K-Kids created posters and fliers for the The Shoeman Events which involved five collections. There were posters showing all events, a letter for parents, and a flier of the first event.



DECEMBER--In early December K-Kids had "Dress Shoes and Dimes. Students wore dress shoes and brought a dime for every pair of shoes they had at home. Also in December, K-Kids created a reminder flier for the second event--
"Boots for Lollipops".



K-Kids boxing up shoes brought in by Bridgeway school children

JANUARY--In early January, K-Kids sponsored the "Boots for Lollipops. Students bringing in at least one pair of boots received a lollipop. Over 200 lollipops were given out. K-Kids created fliers for the next event, Pennies for Water. Pictures were taken by the school district photographer and published in *Pattonville Board Highlights* featuring the Bridgeway K-Kids project. We received several donations from area residents for our shoe drive. Parents and staff have asked friends and family to donate also.

FEBRUARY--For the first week of February, classes collected pennies to be given to The Shoeman for wells... K-Kids reminded classes and counted the pennies. Fliers were created for the next project which was shoelaces.



MARCH--K-Kids decided to collect shoelaces for this month. Fliers were created for our last part of the shoe drive. Our project was reported to the Bridgeton Kiwanis and each month they have helped us with counting pennies, bundling and counting shoes, and/or gathering boxes. Our school thought this project was such a good idea that when a special CHARACTERplus day occurred (students could wear a hat if they donated money), all the money collected was given to The Shoeman Project.

APRIL--Our last effort was "*Fill the Giant Shoe*". All the students gathered in the gym with the shoes. The Shoeman came out with a huge truck to pick up our filled boxes in the shape of a shoe. We collected over 500 pairs of shoes.



Project Results--

The shoes collected can save people from diseases. The profit from shoe sales along with the money we collected can help pay for water-well equipment and drilling for clean water. This will save people from diseases and even death. In addition, we were able to come together as a school community to help others. Project totals were: over 500 pairs of shoes, over \$350.00, and over 100 shoelaces for The Shoeman Project.

We just received the exciting news that the school wide Knowledge-a-thon money will be given to The Shoeman; because the K-Kids project has so inspired the whole school. Last year the school earned over \$3000.00. K-Kids will help with organizing the event and testing of younger students. The event begins the 2nd week of April and will conclude in early May.



Bridgeway Elementary School K-Kids

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Public Awareness--

A letter was sent home with all students at our school with reminders for the monthly activities. Fliers were sent to Bridgeton Kiwanis. Information was sent out in our school district newsletter, *Pattonville Board Highlights*. Our school office was busy receiving outside donations. We collected money and shoes from students, staff, parents, friends, Kiwanians and community members. People even brought us boxes for packing these shoes. Our Bridgeway K-Kids are proud that other children will have clean water because of their project.
