

Reflections from Terri Parker, SOSS School Supplies coordinator

Reflections from Terri Parker, SOSS School Supplies coordinator upon taking additional shoe gift cards to area elementary schools for distribution to families in need. SOSS was not only able to give school supplies, backpacks and a gift card for new shoes to the nearly 1,000 registered children through the SOSS School Supplies program, we were also able to donate an additional 1,000 shoe gift cards to area schools through the campus counselors or school nurses for children in need.

Ben Branch Elementary (New Caney ISD) I walked in without an appointment & asked for the counselor's office. I met with the first available & I proceeded to explain the purpose of my visit & also to describe the services provided to our community at SOSS. She had never heard of us & was so happy to become aware of a Christian agency available to assist the families she deals with everyday! She shared there are many children coming to school daily hungry, without proper clothes not to mention school supplies. Our gift of shoe vouchers was genuinely appreciated!

Porter Elementary (New Caney ISD) Again, I walked in unannounced and was directed to an Assistant Principal. I explained the purpose of my visit. She was overjoyed when presented the shoe vouchers! She said " just this morning a student came in with very obvious holes in her shoes." I informed her of the various services SOSS provides year around and she said she'd be happy to inform her staff.

Note: my visits were in September (a month after school started); there obviously is a continuous need throughout the school year!!