



State Service Project

This is to keep track of the jeans that have been donated. Please return by February 25th, 2012 to Brayden Turner at 2001 Batestown Rd. Danville, IL 61832

(High School Name)

donated

(Number)

pair(s) of jeans.

(Please include picture of jean pile if possible)



One third of people without homes in this country are teenagers under the age of 18. When they were asked if given one thing that would make them feel like a normal teenager, the overwhelming response was a pair of jeans. Many of you have jeans that don't fit, are a little worn, or are out of style. A less fortunate teenager would give anything to have just a pair of those jeans, and you could be the one to make that difference.

We have chosen for the state service project this year to be Teens for Jeans which is put on by Aeropostale. It runs from January 16th, 2012 through February 12th, 2012. During that time jeans can either be turned in to a local Aeropostale, if available, or a local homeless shelter. We know that Aeropostale retail stores aren't necessarily common around Illinois, so we have given the option to submit them to a shelter. The amount of jeans collected is to be recorded on the provided sheet and returned by February 25th, 2012 regardless of where the jeans are turned in. Pictures and amounts of jeans collected will be posted on a huge poster board at State Convention. The schools with the most pairs of jeans will also be awarded at the banquet.

Please give back to our friends across the state and help them to look and feel like a normal teenager.

11 Facts about Homeless Youth

1. The National Coalition for the Homeless defines homeless youth as individuals under the age of eighteen who lack parental, foster, or institutional care.
2. 1 out of every 3 homeless people are under the age of 18.
3. 1.6 to 1.7 million people under 18 will experience homelessness each year.
4. The majority of homeless and runaway youth are between the ages of 15 and 17, however three out of 100 runaways are under the age of 10, and 11 out of 100 are between the ages of 11 and 13.
5. Approximately half of all runaways were physically abused before fleeing home.
6. Up to a third of runaways have been forced to perform a sexual act against his/her will.
7. Half of all runaways left home because of a disagreement with a parent or guardian.
8. A third of all runaways will attempt suicide.
9. Homeless youth are up to ten times more likely to have or contract HIV than non-homeless adolescents.
10. A tenth of homeless and runaway females are reportedly pregnant.
11. This year, one in 260 runaways and homeless youths will die from assault, illness and suicide.

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