



# National Network of Resource Centers

The Kids In Need Foundation supports a national network of 23 Resource Centers, or free stores, that benefit needy children by welcoming teachers from low-income schools to shop for school supplies for their students and for classroom supplies and teaching aids for themselves. There is no charge to the teachers, the schools, the school districts, or the students for these supplies. Product available to the teachers is provided by monetary and in-kind donations from generous companies such as 3M, The Coca-Cola Company, Fibre-Craft Materials, MWV, Office Depot Foundation, OfficeMax, Inc., Staples, Target, and World Vision, Inc.

The Kids In Need Foundation also partners with corporations in communities not served by the National Network to provide pre-packaged school supply kits.

**Who is allowed to shop at the Resource Centers?** Shopping is open to teachers from pre-qualified schools in designated school districts. These schools must have at least 70% of their student body enrolled in the federal free and reduced lunch program.

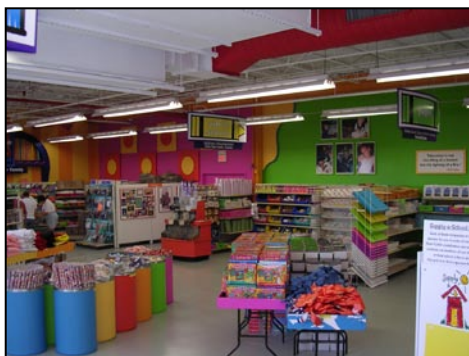
**Can teachers take whatever they want from the Resource Centers?** All merchandise in the Centers is available to all teachers. Depending on the quantity of supplies donated, limits are sometimes imposed on selected merchandise.

**What types of merchandise are available at the Resource Centers?**

Kids In Need makes every effort to have basic school supplies – pencils, paper, pens, crayons, markers, glue sticks – available at all times. Because we receive donations from many different companies, other materials available at the Centers vary and can include computer software, educational toys and crafts, children’s books, art supplies, and more.

**How does the Kids In Need Foundation obtain merchandise?**

The Foundation actively solicits donations year-round in the form of excess inventory, outdated or unsaleable product, tradeshow merchandise, and cash donations. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law, which in some cases means up to two times the manufacturer’s cost.



Crayons to Computers in Cincinnati is a member of the Kids In Need National Network.

*The Kids In Need Foundation is a national non-profit organization providing school supplies to impoverished children and under-funded teachers. A 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1995, the Foundation’s mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need. The National Network of Kids In Need Resource Centers includes 23 facilities that allow teachers from low-income schools to obtain free school supplies for their students. In addition, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for students. The Kids in Need Foundation has distributed nearly \$300 million in school supplies since its founding, directly benefiting 1.6 million students and 100,000 teachers annually, and has awarded \$1,000,000 in grants to teachers. For more information, visit [www.kidsinneed.net](http://www.kidsinneed.net).*



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