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We ask that you join us in telling the story of #kinfshare having school supplies has mattered to you, to the 15 million students living in poverty, or to the 30 million relying on federal food programs who do not have adequate supplies to learn. There is still incredible need and we must all come together to work toward closing this gap – one pencil or piece of paper at a time.

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A LETTER FROM RENAY DOSSMAN NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am excited, humbled, and honored to join this incredible organization that has been providing vital school supplies to kids and teachers for the last 27 years. My background is similar to many of the students we serve; having grown up the daughter of a single mother in Cabrini Green housing projects in Chicago, IL, I was first-hand for the need and the impact of these efforts. My own work has had a strong sense of community, and always kept a closed full of school supplies to share with the neighborhood so parents wouldn’t have to choose between food, clothing, and supplies. I am pleased to be able to introduce myself to you as we reflect on 2017 and to share our vision for what’s to come. 

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I would like to give a special thank you to Dave Smith, our out-going executive director, who will be staying on in a new capacity as Chair of the Board of Directors. Dave is a true leader who cares passionately about this organization and in his honor we have established the Dave Smith Endowment for Innovation Fund. This fund will be used to continue Dave’s work for years to come.

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Renay Dossman
Executive Director

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

We have audited the financial statements of Kids In Need Foundation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended (not presented herein). These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis of our opinion.

The condensed statements of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related condensed statements of activities for the years then ended are presented in summary and, therefore, do not include all of the information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Kids In Need Foundation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, or on its cash and cash flows for the years then ended.

Full audited financial statements are available at Kids In Need Foundation's website, www.kinf.org.

Statement of Cash Flows

The condensed statements of activities, cash flows, and changes in net assets are presented in summary and, therefore, do not include all of the information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, because of the significance of the omission of the information referred to in the preceding paragraph, the condensed financial statements, referred to above, do not present fairly in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Kids In Need Foundation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, or on its cash and cash flows for the years then ended.

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OUR MISSION

The Kids In Need Foundation's mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed in the classroom by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need.

OUR FOUR PROGRAMS

National Network of Resource Centers
We partner with 40 locations across the country to distribute much needed school supplies to kids who would otherwise go without.

School Ready Supplies
The SRS program works with local sponsors to provide school supplies to designated schools.

Teacher Supply Boxes
Our Teacher Supply Boxes work with local sponsors to provide school supplies to students, from notebooks and markers to pens and glue.

Second@home
Providing school supplies to students via natural disasters. We work with local authorities, schools, and select sponsors to help kids return to normal routines.

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BREWING STUDIES

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Every year the Kids In Need Foundation helps teachers and students have the school supplies they need to succeed in school.

“I have never met a kid that didn’t want to be successful.”
- A teacher from Minneapolis, Minnesota

In 2017, we helped 6.2 million students and 200,000 teachers.
We delivered more than 400,000 backpacks filled with school supplies through School Ready Supplies and other programs.

“When you can put a smile on a little boy’s face, all because he has a brand new backpack, what more needs to be done or said?”
- A teacher from Brevard County, Florida

Share with us #HowMuch school supplies mean to you.

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