

The Lynne H. Berry School Buddies Fund
 601 N. Cherry St., Suite 230
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101
 (336) 748-4007

Yes! I want to make a contribution to help needy students receive food, clothing and supplies necessary for school.

Donation in honor or memory of:

Name _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Personal check attached \$ _____
 (Check payable to School Buddies Fund)

Poverty negatively impacts academic achievement when a student's needs for school supplies, food and basic clothing go unmet. Your tax-deductible contribution will help provide a resource for our most needy students.

THANK YOU!



How can you help students?



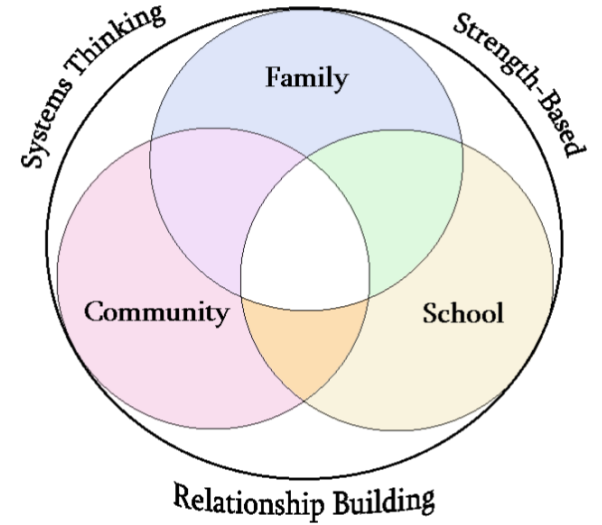
You can start by simply making a tax-deductible donation to **The Lynne H. Berry School Buddies Fund**, which supports the **Food For Thought** emergency food pantry as well as the purchase of alarm clocks, school supplies, shoes, underwear, clothing, city bus passes and endless other essential items not covered by existing resources. A donation form is printed on the reverse side for your convenience.

Frequently Called Numbers

- Cardinal Innovations Crisis Line ...1-800-939-5911
- Alexander Youth Network 724-1412
- Big Brother/Big Sisters..... 724-7993
- Catholic Charities (also offers counseling)... 727-0705
- Cardinal Innovation 714-9100
- Child Protective Services (reporting..... 703-2287
- Crisis Control Ministry..... 724-7453
- Crossnore 721-7600
- Domestic Violence NC (NCCADV) .. 1-919-956-9124
- Downtown Health Plaza..... 713-9800
- Employment Security Commission 776-6720
- Experiment in Self-Reliance 722-9400
- Family Services..... 722-8173
- Forsyth Tech (FTCC)..... 723-0371
- Forsyth Futures..... 701-1700
- Goodwill Industries..... 724-3621
- Habitat for Humanity..... 765-8854
- Housing Authority of WS..... 727-8500
- Insight Human Services 725-8389
- Job Corps Admissions (Raleigh, NC) .. 1-919-954-0691
- Juvenile Court (OJJD) 761-2265
- Mediation Services 724-2870
- Mental Health Association 768-3880
- Newcomer's Center..... 747-6804
- Project HOPE (admin. office)..... 771-4732
- Project Safe Space (Catholic Sharties)..... 725-4678
- Public Health Department..... 703-3210
- Safe and Drug-Free Schools 703-6730
- Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Office 722-8721
- Samaritan Ministries 748-1962
- Sexual Assault Crisis Line..... 722-4457
- Smile Starters 777-1272
- Social Services (DSS)..... 703-3400
- Sunnyside Ministry 724-7558
- The Parenting PATH (formerly Exchange/SCAN) 748-9028
- Today's Woman (Novant Health) 722-1818
- Trellis Supportive Care (formerly Hospice) 768-3972
- WS Urban League 717-1223



School Social Workers



Helping Overcome Barriers to Educational Progress

School Social Workers provide services that enhance and promote the educational, emotional, and social needs of students and families in order for them to make use of the resources available to them to achieve their full potential within their home, school and community.

Challenges in the lives of students can include:

- School attendance issues, truancy
- Abuse, neglect and dependency
- Trauma, grief, loss
- Poverty, homelessness
- Family conflict
- Domestic Violence
- Delinquency
- Gang involvement
- Learning problems
- Developmental delays
- Teen pregnancy, parenting needs
- Mental health issues

Referral forms are available at schools in the social workers' mailboxes or online at <http://wsfcs.k12.nc.us>

The program office may be reached at (336) 748-4007 or by fax at (336) 748-4108.



School Social Workers locate and utilize resources in the family, school and community to help students succeed in school by:

- Addressing problems that threaten students' safety and well-being
- Encouraging self-esteem, self-discipline and conflict resolution
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles and healthy relationships
- Accessing Exceptional Children's services and alternative programs
- Considering long-range plans for students' future, quality of life, employment and personal success.
- Addressing attendance issues with families
- Identifying and providing resources

School Social Workers encourage families to:

- Participate in school activities, programs, plans and conferences
- Monitor homework, grades and daily attendance
- Resolve problems that interfere with child safety and well-being
- Meet physical/mental health needs
- Provide age-appropriate supervision and discipline
- Utilize school and community resources to meet their child's needs
- Actively support the goal of high school graduation
- Invest themselves in long-term plans for their child's future, quality of life, employment and personal success.

School Social Work Specialized Programs

The Social Work Program for Teen Parents and Their Children provides teens with many kinds of assistance so they will succeed in meeting their children's needs and in graduating from high school well-prepared for their next steps in education, work and parenting. During home, school and community contacts with individual teen parents, the team assists students with education-related issues and graduation, locating and paying for quality child care, learning life skills, managing crises, and accessing other services in the community. The team includes a licensed clinical social worker and a social work assistant. The social worker is available to school staff for consultation.

Truancy Issues

In an effort to ensure students receive their education, **School Social Workers** work with students and families regarding barriers contributing to truancy. When student absences continue, the School System has the option to take a student and/or family to Criminal Court. Many families will have an opportunity to take corrective action through the **Truancy Diversion Program**. This provides the family and/or student the opportunity to make the necessary changes within a Diversion Plan, to ensure compliance with the **Compulsory Attendance Law**. Once a family successfully completes the Diversion Program, the charges are then dismissed, which helps students and families avoid any potential criminal charges related to truancy.

School Health and Wellness Centers are staffed by medical personnel and clinical social workers to address the physical and mental health needs of students who have been enrolled by their parents or guardians.

School-Based Child and Family Support Teams provide a full-time clinical social worker and a full-time nurse assigned to designated schools. The teams offer structured clinical assessments, individualized strengths-based treatment plans and case management. These intensive services target both physical and mental health needs, and are available both in the home and on-site in school settings.

The **Food for Thought** pantry provides emergency food assistance to qualifying families served by the school social work staff. The pantry is a cooperative effort of the School Social Work Department, Second Harvest Food Bank and Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church and made possible with support of financial contributions to the Lynne H. Berry School Buddies Fund.

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