

(Thank you for the donations to the free school supply campaign.)

After coordinating this event for at least ten years, I have not ever found adequate words to express my gratitude for all you as coordinators do. In my estimation we had another very successful event. We served 275 students during the event. More will be assisted as Our Neighbors' Place has agreed to take some supplies and help out students enrolling late or where the family was unable to attend.

This year we are all extremely grateful to the First National Bank of River Falls/Prescott. They had 400 pairs of shoes available. Some students did not receive shoes as the correct size was not available. Many of these students will receive shoes prior to the start of school thanks to the bank personnel.

One of the residual effects of this program is the interaction between the student and the volunteer. First-time volunteers are always impressed with the thank you given them by the student. Some of them even receive hugs. With the volunteer assisting with the shoes, he/she had more of a chance to talk with the student.

For the first time ever we ran out of school glue and scissors. We went shopping after the event and purchased those items we were not able to supply at the event. Those items have been delivered to the schools so the student will have them on the first day of school.

Please extend my appreciation to all of those people from your group that assisted us through their time and their gifts. I do not have a full accounting of what was given in cash donations. It seems more and more people are preferring to give cash instead of shopping. I should have a full accounting of receipts and expenditures by September. I am leaving town on Friday for two weeks so please understand the delay.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

Bob