

Nichols for Kids Fund

The "Nichols for Kids" Fund is dedicated to helping the children in our schools and the families in our communities. This fund helps provide basic necessities to ensure students' health, safety, and well-being.

Nichols for Kids enables the School Social Workers to access funds to help alleviate any barriers that may keep a student from being successful in school. This fund also enables the schools to address the physical, medical, and emotional needs of the students, and help ensure their health, safety, and well-being. Clothing, shoes, underwear, hygiene products, eyeglasses, medication, food, gas, school supplies, etc. are just some of the resources that the NFK Fund can provide.

The Nichols for Kids Fund was established in memory of Sandy Nichols. Sandy was working for Wilkes County Schools as a School Social Worker at the time of her death in 2001. One of Sandy's favorite parts of the job was helping students and their families with basic needs. The School Social Workers use the money from this fund for numerous student and family needs. Some examples are emergency clothing needs, groceries, rent assistance, utility assistance and gas assistance. We have used this money to purchase cell phone minutes so a teenager who is alone most of the night would have access to a working phone, and we have helped students by purchasing things needed for school like band instruments, calculators, sports physicals and assistance with field trips.

One of the best things about Nichols for Kids is quick access for the needy child. School personnel inform the social worker of a need. Social workers communicate with the parent or guardian to make arrangements to pay for what is needed. Each situation is considered individually and flexibility with the amount is possible in some cases.

Any student in WCS is eligible for help from the NFK Fund. This fund operates by donations. All donations are tax deductible. Receipts can be given when requested. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by giving the donation to any of the school social workers, April Marr, or Jan Burgess. The contact information for the Wilkes County School Social Workers is listed below:

Angel Bell - West High, West Middle, Mt. Pleasant Elementary, C.C. Wright Elementary, North Wilkesboro Elementary. (bella@wilkes.k12.nc.us)

Regina Brown - North High, North Middle, Mtn. View Elementary, Traphill Elementary, Mulberry Elementary. (brownreg@wilkes.k12.nc.us)

Amber Shumate - East High, East Middle, Roaring River Elementary, Ronda-Clingman Elementary, C.B. Eller Elementary. (shumatea@wilkes.k12.nc.us)

Brandy Miller - Wilkes Central High, Central Middle, Wilkesboro Elementary, Moravian Falls Elementary, Boomer-Ferguson Elementary, Wilkes Early College High School. (millerbra@wilkes.k12.nc.us)

Other resources available to kids at WWHS and WWMS:

We have hygiene supplies available to students in need. The hygiene supplies are located in the School Social Worker/Nurse's office at WWHS. We also have deodorant supplies available in the health classroom as well. We have school supplies and food supplies located in the counselors' offices. We have a food pantry at WWHS located in Mrs. Sprinkle's classroom as well. At WWMS we have hygiene supplies located in the School Social Worker's office. We also have school and food supplies available in the counselor's office.

Hygiene supplies that we have available are for males and females. We have body wash, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, hair brushes/combs, Body wipes for kids who may not have access to a shower/running water (Johnson and Johnson body wipes with soap), washcloths, feminine hygiene products, drawstring bags (to carry hygiene products in so students will not be embarrassed to come get supplies), chapstick, lotion, underwear, socks, and more.

Here are some pics of our hygiene supplies at WWHS.

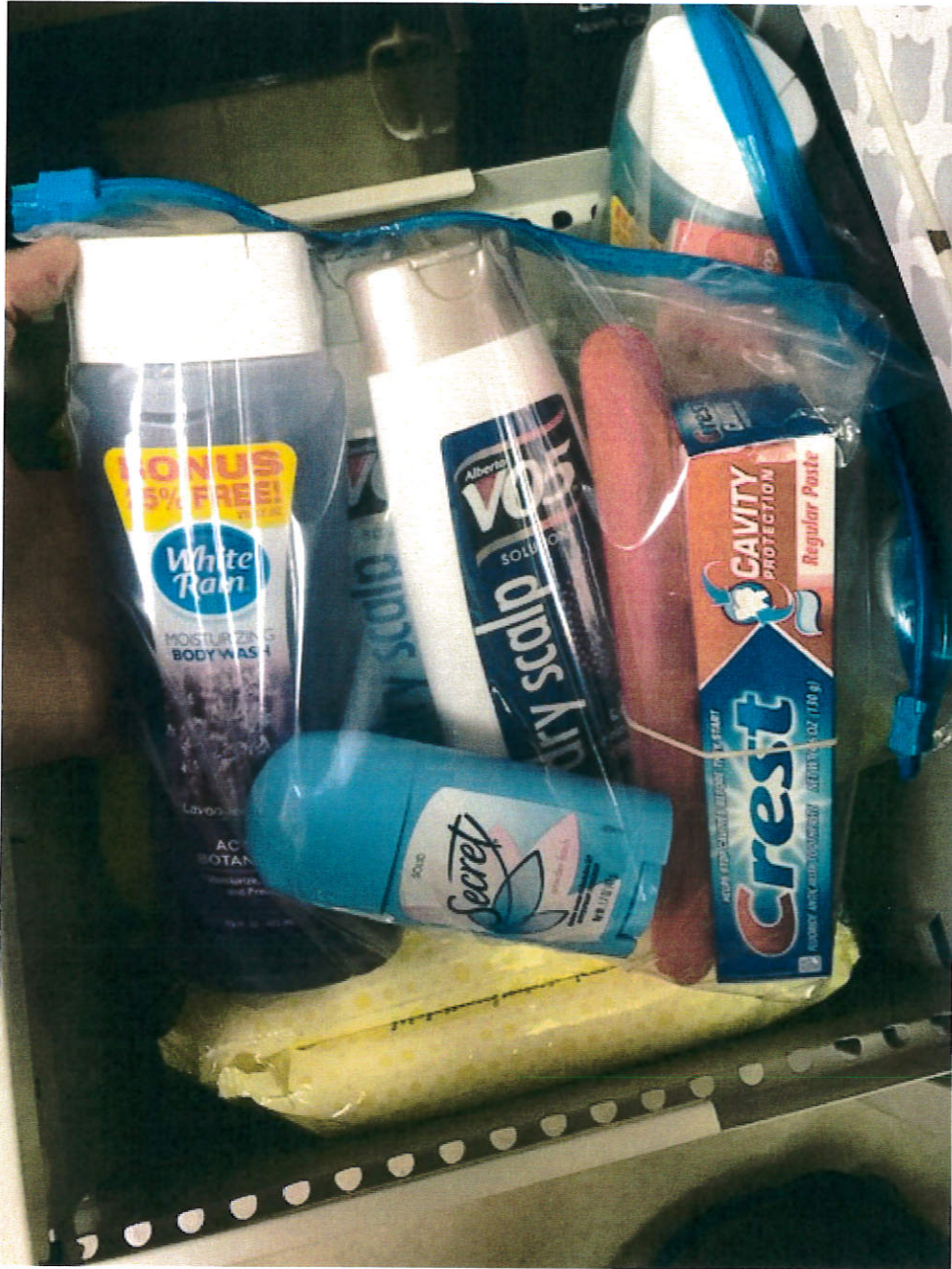
The food pantry in Mrs Sprinkle's classroom can be accessed by any student in need. The School Social Worker also has extra backpacks for students in case they need them for taking food home.

Feminine hygiene products are also available to students in need. These supplies are also located in the Nurse/Social Worker office.

Any hygiene products/supplies, food, cinch sacs, gently used clothing or shoes are always appreciated if anyone would like to donate. Please contact the School Social Worker if you have more questions!

If you would like to donate to the "Nichols for Kids" fund, please contact a School Social Worker, or April Harr, the Director of Student Services in WCS.

Thanks! Angel Bell, School Social Worker



Hygiene "Goody Bags" for students in need.



We have various colors in the cinch
sacs as well so students will
have an option. (Red, blue, black, pink).