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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

Let's turn 10K into 20K for students who are homeless

Soldotna, November 25, 2015—A generous person who believes in kindness learned about the Candlelight Vigil for KPBSD students who are homeless, and wants to make a difference. So, the donor offered a gift: a 100% matching challenge up to \$10,000 for all financial donations to the Students In Transition (SIT) program through December 18, 2015.

Help make it \$20,000. Why? KPBSD anticipates serving close to 300 students who are homeless this year; already 185 students are enrolled. Our student numbers are on the rise, needs are increasing. One of the highest expenses is for basic clothing and winter gear. In addition, emergency food supplies, hygiene products, school supplies, and other unexpected expenses. The 2015-2016 McKinney-Vento grant funds are spent. Thus, the program relies on generous donations that come from student advocacy, school projects, private donations, and fundraisers, such as the [spaghetti feed and silent auction](#) the Kenai Central High School student leaders are hosting on December 4, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

How to contribute

Monetary donations can be made through the school district into a designated KPBSD account. One hundred percent of every donation goes directly to supports and services. Donations are 100% tax deductible. To donate, contributions can be made at the district office—make sure to indicate it's for the SIT program. Additionally credit card* donations can be made through the KPBSD website [online payments](#) link on the [Students-Parents tab](#) or via the [online payments](#) icon on the [KPBSD mobile app](#). Questions? Call Kelly King or the district office. *There is a 3.61% processing fee calculated on all payments, no exceptions. This is the actual cost of the processing fee from RevTrak, and is not a source of revenue for the district.

“This is an incredible offer of generosity, and I am truly grateful; it is also an incredible opportunity for the community to make a significant impact,” said Kelly King, KPBSD homeless liaison. “My hope is that people with a heart for homeless children and youth use this challenge as a catalyst for conversation, contribution, and extension of care.”

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“We are very appreciative that a donor is willing to make such a substantial and generous donation to our SIT program, said Sean Dusek, superintendent. “I am very thankful for this opportunity and for all of the donations that are coming in for our program.”

The SIT program has enrolled 185 students since the start of the school year in August, 2015, and this number will continue to increase as the year progresses. These students range from pre-kindergarten to the twelfth grade and are in every community within our school district. In the central peninsula, 136 youth are enrolled, 31 are unaccompanied youth, and 105 are with a family unit. In the southern peninsula, 49 students are enrolled, 19 are unaccompanied youth, and 30 are with a family unit.

The purpose of the SIT program is to ensure educational programs for students are not interrupted while they are in transition. Eligible families or youth are those who lack a stable, adequate, and permanent place to sleep at night. If you or someone you know is sleeping in a motel, a camper, a tent, couch-surfing, or living with friends or relatives then this program can help.

KPBSD Students in Transition program contacts

Kelly King, homeless liaison, serving Central Peninsula, Seward and Tyonek schools, kking@kpbsd.k12.ak.us, 907.714.8869

Jane Dunn, homeless liaison, serving Southern Peninsula schools and Ninilchik, jdunn@kpbsd.k12.ak.us, 907.226.1890

Links

KPBSD SIT program website <http://bit.ly/TransitionsKPBSD>

[KPBSD Students in Transition](#) on Facebook

December 4, 2015, public event [KCHS Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction Fundraiser](#)

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