

Good afternoon—

With only fourteen wake-ups until the end of the school year, Kearney counselors and social workers are looking toward the beginning of 2019-2020. We want to be sure that all students have what they need on the very first day. Check out our video of last year's Back to School Resource Fair to get an idea of the great things that happen at this event: [2018 Resource Fair Video](#)

In 2018, we served 140 families at our Resource Fair. We provided school supplies, hygiene and first aid kits, gently used clothing, information about community resources and even underwear! This was only possible because of the help of many community partners like you. And while our event has grown each year—and we serve more and more families every year—we know we aren't reaching all kids and families who could use this kind of support. For example, almost 600 students qualify for the Free/Reduced Lunch program.

We added a clothes closet to the Resource Fair in 2017 and it has been a huge success. In our second year, we were fortunate to have even more donations so we could serve even more families. Parents were able to find clothes in their sizes, too. Maybe best of all, every kid who "shopped" with us was able to find Bulldog Spirit wear in their size!

There are several ways we'd like to invite your group to be part of the Resource Fair—

1. Would you share information about the Resource Fair? We would be glad to bring flyers for you to distribute or share a paragraph for use in a newsletter. Here's the link for people to register: [Register for the Fair](#)
2. Could you hold a supply drive or make a donation to our project? Some groups have chosen to collect supplies all summer and others concentrate on a particular date or event. If you are interested, we will identify a couple of items for you to focus on. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, we'll do the shopping for you!
3. Would you ask people to save their gently used clothes and donate them to the Resource Fair when we begin collecting? Here's a paragraph you could use to ask for help—

Cleaning out your closets? The Kearney school counselors and social workers will be collecting new and gently used clothes and distributing them during the Back to School Resource Fair on August 8 & 9. We need clothes in all sizes—from youth small to adult XXL. We are especially looking for Bulldog gear. Clothes and shoes may be dropped off at Hawthorne Elementary August 5 - 7 between 9:00 and 3:00.

4. Do you have people in your organization that like to volunteer? We need lots of volunteers to organize and distribute the clothes we collect. This link allows volunteers to let us know they are interested: [Volunteer Registration](#)

Our list of community partners grows every year. We'd love to add your name to the list that includes Glennon Real Estate Experts, Arley United Methodist Church and Labor Max Staffing.

Thanks for considering this request!

KSD Counselors & Social Workers