

SS KIDS Frequently Asked Questions:

Who/ What is the Leadership Lake County Youth Program?

The Leadership Lake County Youth Program provides high school juniors with a behind the scenes look at Lake County through on site visits and guest speakers. These students are able to develop their leadership skills through the service project, SS KIDS.

The LLC youth program is made up of students from across the county.

How are students selected?

Students apply the spring of their tenth grade year. Students must live in or go to school in Lake County. All applications are reviewed by a committee of Leadership Lake County Adult Alumni.

When did the project begin?

SS KIDS began with the class of 2001.

How many people have been served by this project?

To date, over 5000 Lake County students have received school supplies through the efforts of the Leadership Lake County Youth program. The supplies that are collected stay in the community.

What kinds of supplies do we distribute?

We try to provide as comprehensive a list as possible- this includes but is not limited to crayons, markers, pens, pencils, scissors, rulers, calculators, binders, folders, notebooks, paper, glue sticks, glue bottles and erasers.

Who receives the supplies?

Students with economic need in Lake County are identified by the school and put into contact with LLC. In addition, families can request supplies through the United Way, Lake County Job and Family Services and numerous other social service agencies. Requests are made in May, and the supplies are distributed in August. The Salvation Army, our collaborative partner handles all of the applications and the organization of the distribution. Together, we are able to serve those with the greatest need.

Where do the supplies come from?

Supplies are collected by the members of the LLC youth program throughout the program year. The students work with schools, churches and businesses to conduct these drives. Additional supplies are purchased with monies raised by the student fundraising committee. THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS CONDUCTED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Who Supports this Project?

The following companies/groups/ organizations have conducted supply drives in support of SS KIDS:

Lubrizol, Laketran, Steris, The Lake Hospital System, Avery Dennison, Western Reserve Junior Service League, St. Gabriel School, St. Mary's School Mentor, The Mentor Schools (Mentor High School, Shore Junior High, Bellflower Elementary, Hopkins Elementary, Fairfax Elementary), Buckeye School (Painesville Twnshp), Willoughby South High School, Eastlake North High School, Perry High School, Kirtland High School, Fairport High School, Madison High School, Hawken School, Laurel School for Girls, Lakeland Community College, all of the Libraries in Lake County, Ladies and Gentlemen Salon and Spa, Royalview Elementary School in Eastlake, St. Mary's Parish in Mentor, St. Gabriel's Parish in Concord, Mentor United Methodist Church, and Prince of Peace Church.

How Can Someone Help?

Individuals can help by making monetary or supply donations directly to SS KIDS. In addition, you can organize a drive at your business or church.

Is a donation tax deductible?

Yes- LLC is a 5013(c) – a receipt is available with the tax information.

To whom should checks be written?

Leadership Lake County with SS KIDS in the memo.

How can I get more information?

440-352-7520 or www.leadershiplakecounty.org