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TESTIMONIALS

“The Iowa Waste Exchange was wonderful to work with. They provided the tools and training to complete a thorough waste study at our Clay Elementary School. Not only did we receive great data but the students enjoyed helping with the waste sort!”

-Amy A’Hearn, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Southeast Polk Community School District

“Thank you for the incredible networking of resources your organization has helped the DMPS system. The resources you have provided have allowed us to upgrade office furniture. You have also helped several church congregations with office furniture that many could not afford in the Urban Core. We heavily rely on Shelene Codner's contacts and connections to continue to supply many nice pieces to several locations throughout the Des Moines metro area.”

-Alfonso M.Perez, Community Schools Site Coordinator, Des Moines Community School District

AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Administer waste assessments, waste sorts, waste audits.
- Locate outlets for equipment and supplies no longer used/needed.
- Locate needed materials.
- Provide financial assistance resources.
- Write and/or review grant and other applications.
- Provide classroom/assembly/after school program presentations.
- Administer and organize special collection events and activities.

SUCCESS STORY

Shelly Codner, IWE Area Resource Specialist for Area 2, acquired approximately 12 tons of new and slightly used textbooks from a public school that had been storing them in an area of their building slated for demolition. These books included full sets of Scholastic’s Literacy in Place reading series. Through various matches with private schools and home-schooled students, the Iowa Waste Exchange had matched nearly six tons of these curriculum materials, but six tons remained. In addition to staple items such as food and water, usable textbooks became a high priority during natural disasters, including debilitating hurricanes. With the assistance of volunteers from North Butler High School’s Student Council, who sorted, boxed and loaded the available books, Codner transported them to a relief trailer at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Hampton, Iowa. St. Paul’s had secured the use of a trailer through the generosity of a private trucking company. The items were loaded by Codner and volunteers from St. Paul’s and then were transported to students in Mississippi.

This transaction diverted nearly six tons of usable materials from the landfill, saved $240 in disposal fees as well as providing nearly $5,000 worth of curriculum materials to students and hurricane victims in Mississippi. “Matches such as these make working with the Iowa Waste Exchange especially gratifying,” stated Codner. “The students and principal at North Butler High School and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church helped make this exchange happen. Their assistance and volunteer efforts visibly display Iowa Nice in action.”

Access additional success stories at www.IowaDNR.gov/FABA

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