A Heartfelt Thank-You!

On behalf of Dawson Springs Independent students and their families, we want to express our appreciation to the many friends who have donated their money and time to insure we had a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! Throughout my years of involvement with the FRYSC Holiday Assistance Program, I have seen it grow year by year because of the generosity expressed throughout this community. You are all champions of our school, its students and their families. A conservative estimate of donations for the 2016 holiday season is $35,000+.

As with any successful program there is the behind the scenes planning that becomes the lifeline for that success. For the past 9 years, our lifeline is due to the meticulous and tireless efforts of Christy Winfrey, FRYSC Program Assistance. Thank-you Christy for always going the extra mile to make a difference in the lives of our students.

HOPKINS COUNTY HAPPY FEET, chaired by Cheri McNary, provided new, name-brand shoes to 164 Dawson Springs Independent students, grades Preschool – 12, in November 2016. These shoes arrived in time for the cooler weather and an early Christmas present. This is the third year our students have been recipients of shoes from the Happy Feet folks. Thank-you to all who made this possible.

FRYSC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE (Nov 14-18) set a school record for the most non-perishable food items donated, 5620. The senior class had the most donations in grades 7-12. The 2nd grade classes of Mrs. Throgmorton and Mrs. Deboe had the most donations in grades P-6. A special thank-you to the Dawson Springs Student Ambassadors for helping count and organize all the donations. There were 37 families that received food and turkeys for Thanksgiving. The remaining donations were delivered to the DAPS Food Bank. Thanksgiving turkeys were provided to the families by the Dawson Springs Police Department and their anonymous partner/donor. Our appreciation to all who worked to make this Thanksgiving event happen.

SHOP WITH THE COPS (Dec 12) was another popular event for our students. A special thank-you to our anonymous donor and your collaboration with Chief Dixon and the Dawson Springs Police Department to provide this shopping experience for 60 Dawson Springs Independent students from 30 families. We would also like to thank the school staff and student ambassadors that accompanied us on the shopping trip. We really appreciate your assistance with the organization and supervision of our students.

DAWSON SPRINGS POLICE/DOLLAR STORE TOY DRIVE donations were presented to every elementary school student in grades P-6 on Dec 16. In addition, each student received candy and/or snacks. This was a new and unexpected event for our students. A big thank-you to all in the community who made donations or bought toys while shopping at Dollar Store. Your generosity was felt by our students as evidenced by the smiles on their faces. Thank-you to our Dawson Springs Police and Chief Dixon, Melissa Heflin and Kristian Randolph, Dollar Store employee.

FRYSC CHRISTMAS ADOPTION PROGRAM provided assistance to an additional 47 students from 29 families. These students were sponsored by individuals, churches, organizations and businesses. Thank-you to all that shopped to buy gifts on the students’ wish lists; made monetary donations to fund the purchase of gifts; organizations that donated specific gifts i.e., coats, bicycles, etc. This is a collective collaboration that we depend on year after year to insure all our referred students have a Merry Christmas, of which many of you have shown your support throughout my 17 year tenure as the Dawson Springs FRYSC Coordinator. To all of you I want to express my gratitude and a heartfelt thank-you for blessing our students, their families and school with your generosity!

Dianne H. Labrado, FRYSC Coordinator

Dawson Springs Independent

Dawson Springs First Christian Church

Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church

Dawson Springs Resurrection Catholic Church

Dawson Springs First Baptist Church Basic Sunday School Class/Ryan Tolbert

Dawson Springs First Baptist WMU

Dawson Springs First United Methodist Women

Knights of Columbus

American Legion Post 310 Ladies Auxiliary

Dawson Springs Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Dawson Springs Professional Women’s Club

Dawson Springs Rotary Club

Pennyrile Area Cyclists

Pennyrile Homemakers

Rex Parker Insurance

Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation

UMWA Local 5138

Dawson Springs First Grade Classes/Marcella McCuiston & Lisa Cotton

Dawson Springs Fellowship of Christian Athletes/ Emily Abbott, Sponsor

Dawson Springs High School Band/Andy Hall, Director

Dawson Springs Middle Grades Academic Team/Tamara Rice Sponsor

Willie & Darla Adams

Tammy Audas

Brooke Barnett

Darla Bean

LaDonna Bennett

Charlotte Beshear

Anita Black

Jeannie Blanchard

Jill Bratcher

Stacy Bratcher

Bree Brown

Vonda Castle

Kyle Chappell

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Glenda Franklin

Mark & Delena Gentry

Mary Grisham

Gina Hays

Martha Kaye Hickerson

Frankie Hunt

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Laura Lucas

Melissa Lutz

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