



Cry of the Children, Inc.
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Dear Supporter of Cry of the Children,

We are writing to share with you a special project that Cry of the Children participated in just this past February in collaboration with the Salvation Army. We thought you'd like to hear how Cry of the Children is helping to "answer the cry of other children" in our neighboring state of Michigan as the residents of Flint, MI continue to be plagued by the poisonous contamination of lead in their drinking water.

In "Answering the Cry of Other Children", we joined in a project called "Kids for Flint". The program started with a group of Indianapolis elementary students who wanted to reach out to the Flint community. The elementary Site Director and Regional Program Manager communicated the community service project. On February 3, with the help of our partners, the Salvation Army, we quickly set up a community drive to collect drinking water. The Salvation Army served as a drop-off point to receive the drinking water. Then, they used their truck to load it up and deliver the water on February 11, 2016 to drop off Spring Mill Elementary school to the AYS children in Indianapolis.

We are extremely proud to report that we were able to collect almost 2 tons of drinking water to "answer the cry of other children" and their families in Flint, MI. The Bloomington Monroe County community and the Salvation Army really stepped up to support a cause for which we all continue to be touched by each and every time we hear about the devastating news and health effects of the lead in the water.

Let me tell you that our community's response has been an awesome journey. I then reached out to former colleagues that I worked with June in turn alerted the CWA Local 4730 Union. That contact led to further outreach to the IU-Bloomington campus community at Eigenmann Hall, Campus View. In addition, others joined in including Marsh store, Lowes, some of my Thanksgiving volunteers including the Masons, my group Wanda and Terry at 801 along with the water boy, Tim Stockton.

This Journey was as fulfilling as the support I receive from all of you year after year for the Thanksgiving meal. There is nothing more rewarding than having a vision and desire to help others, and then to see it grow and become the source of help for our community and others.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to help us respond to the "Cry of the Children".

Sincerely,

Dellsie Boddie, Director of Cry of the Children, Inc.



