

Thank You from Dr. Michele Acker, Department of Psychology

I wanted to thank all of you for dedicating your time and energy to this year's "Dumpster Diving" project. Without your effort we would never have been able to save so much. In the end, one furniture truckful, two large vanfuls, three large pick-up truckfuls and one stuffed station wagon were needed to cart the many recovered items away. Among other things, we donated 12 large boxes of food. See the list below for more of the salvaged items. The people at A.W.A.R.E. were very grateful. The families had taken all the foodstuffs and many of the items from Monday and Tuesday by the time we dropped off the Wednesday loads.

I know this was a big commitment at one of the busiest times of the year. It was hot and pretty gross work. I was impressed to see so many of you put on the gloves and just waded in (literally in this case). It really gave me new respect for my colleagues and a sense of pride in our faculty, so thank you for that too. Next year, I think we can do even more -- hope to see you there.

A partial list of the salvaged materials includes:

- 12 large boxes of food
- 5 boxes school supplies
- 2 years worth of laundry detergent for a family
- 8 boxes of shampoo, soap, lotion, feminine supplies and other personal care items
- many, many plastic organizers, storage containers and trashcans
- 11 vacuum cleaners
- 7 fans
- 1 window air conditioner
- 2 refrigerators
- 2 microwaves
- 6 desk lamps
- 1 television
- 1 floor lamp
- 4 coffeemakers
- 1 deep fat fryer
- 6 hot pots
- 3 toasters
- 2 futons
- 1 mattress
- 8 area rugs
- 3 full length mirrors
- 1 bean bag chair
- 2 rocker video chairs
- 1 microwave cart
- 1 book shelf
- 1 VCR
- more than 30 pillows
- several dozen towels
- sheet sets
- 20 bags of clothes
- 2 boxes of toys
- 6 boxes knick knacks (picture frames, bulletin boards, candles, etc)
- 4 boxes of shoes