

**Summary of Wilcox Red Shoe Fund Account
Fiscal Year 2015-16**

Fiscal Year 2015-16, Year to Date	Dollars, \$	Change, %
Donations last year	7,912.24	
Donations this year	9,369.26	18%
Disbursed last year for clothing	9,045.48	
Disbursed this year for clothing	9,772.47	8%
Students served last year	406	
Students served this year	314	-23%
Additional expenses last year	0	
Additional expenses this year	\$500.00	(gift cards)
Final account balance last year	4,636.01	
Final account balance this year	3,732.80	-19%

What the Wilcox Red Shoe Fund Provides

Urbana Rotary Wilcox Shoe Fund pays for clothing for students currently enrolled in Urbana schools (early childhood through graduation from high school) whose families are financially unable to provide basic clothing for them to wear to school. Qualified items include socks, tights, shoes, athletic shoes, boots, underwear, sweaters, coats, jackets, shirts, pants, sweat pants and shirts, gloves, hats, dresses, skirts, scarves, earmuffs, etc. The fund has paid for diapers and a potty chair for one child in early childhood education and has occasionally purchased backpacks. For the past three years, the fund has permitted purchase of essential personal care products for selected students. The cost of this expansion has been minimal.

Clothing must be bought for specific children at the time that the items are needed. A few exceptions to this rule apply: early childhood keeps a reserve of training pants in case of "accidents", special education keeps a supply of winter hats and gloves, and P.E. clothes may be purchased by a social worker several at a time, since it is common for several children to need these at the start of each semester.

Items not covered include school supplies, books, calculators, music instruments, sports equipment (other than standard athletic shoes and clothing needed for P.E.), jewelry, cosmetics, and food.

In all cases, a school social worker verifies that a specific child qualifies for clothing assistance from the Wilcox Fund. Teachers may also refer children to the social worker, but it is the social worker who determines that the need is real; ascertains that another source of funding does not exist; takes the child shopping; and who fills out the invoice; attaches the store receipt; and specifies the number of children served by that receipt.

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