

Irvington School Supplies Initiative

Each year, Irvington runs a program to provide basic school supplies – pencils, pens, notebooks, etc. – to children whose families do not have the means to purchase them. The supplies have to be purchased and distributed during the week before school starts. In 2008, the town was having difficulty funding and staffing the program that summer. We were asked if we could purchase the supplies and help distribute them within one week.

Because our Minister, Board of Trustees and Finance Committee were supportive of the Social Action Committee, we were able to obtain immediate authorization to expend the funds necessary to proceed. Furthermore, because we had built bridges to members of our congregation performing social action outside of the Social Action Committee, we were able to enlist the support of our congregation's Centennial Committee (a group that was raising \$100,000.00 in our congregation's 100th anniversary for social action causes).

Within days, fifty boxes of supplies were delivered to the distribution site in Irvington and our people went there to help give them to the lines of waiting kids.



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