



2017-18 NBA Ministry and Mission Grantees
Impact Report:
JUMPSTART Back-to-School Clinic
Blue Mound, Illinois

The **JUMPSTART Back-to-School Clinic** provides free school health screenings and sports physicals for school-aged children. First Christian Church of Blue Mound, Illinois, works in conjunction with healthcare professionals, the health department, and school personnel to assist at-risk children and families, especially those who are clients of their Interchurch Council Food Pantry.

Mission Area: At-Risk Children and Youth **Catalyst Grant:** US \$1,000

Goals, Outcomes, and Learnings:

We were able to provide approximately \$150 health care screening for free. We found that many of the families who used the clinic either did not have health insurance or were in between health care coverage. For our first time ever offering this clinic, we consider it a huge success. We saw children and youth from four different school districts. We made an impact on the community by making this clinic a safe, non-threatening place for parents and children. It also introduced people to our church family. Volunteers came from our own church, our local volunteer fire department, and other health care/nursing communities.

As clients were waiting for completed paper work we offered them breakfast items - bacon, sausage, gravy and biscuits, donuts, fruit, granola bars, coffee, orange juice and milk. Our hospitality volunteers decided that next year we should provide breakfast for the volunteers and have fruit, granola bars, a tray of cookies and drinks available for the clients.

We will aim to secure medical providers earlier in the future, make sure we have well defined roles and instructions for volunteers, and ensure that the registration table is better organized, with clearer instructions at the copy center (the area that makes copies for the clients, school, and doctors).

We acknowledge that it is important to send information home with students at the end of the school year, with dates for the next JUMPSTART Back-to-School Clinic.

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