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CLOTHING OUR KIDS (COK) PRESS RELEASE—FEBRUARY 7 THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS AND COK

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He is a big kid. Bigger than many at his school. After the Holidays, most students came back with beautiful new warm coats, the latest and greatest in designer sneakers, fresh tops and pants. He returned wearing the same worn, soiled clothing as he had throughout the first four months of the school year.

Teachers are intuitive angels, and luckily he had a personal one. She learned that he did not have a proper Holiday, nor did he receive a single gift. So, to prove that there are people who care about him she reached out to Clothing Our Kids (COK). COK does not stock adult-sized clothing, but to support the child and his angel, Center Volunteers – more angels -- shopped for a week's worth of new clothing. But they didn't stop there! They stuffed a backpack full of supplies and personal hygiene products.

According to the teacher: "I cannot believe all of the useful items that were donated to him. It has already made a huge impact. He has been wearing items they donated every day. And he really needed the shoes. He loves them. They have been a true blessing to him."

Mary Rio witnessed similar situations and was brilliant in understanding the power of providing proper school clothing to instill confidence in a kid's learning ability. No matter their family situation, every kid deserves a chance at success. All of us at COK are so blessed to be a part of what Mary started and prove to our kids that they are not forgotten.

"The best way to make children good is to make them happy."

– Oscar Wilde

