

# FOCUS

NORTH ✝ AMERICA



**FOCUS ON:**

## Raising a Generation of Healthy Children

FELLOWSHIP *of* ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS UNITED *to* SERVE



Supporting the health and education of children is the core component of FOCUS North America's programs. More than 15 million children in the United States live below the poverty line. Some of the effects of poverty on children are poor academic achievement, poor nutrition, substandard housing and lack of access to basic needs, all of which can result in trauma.

Through our programs, FOCUS is empowering children to have the skills they need to access opportunities, succeed, and live fruitful lives. We partner with schools and families to ensure students achieve their academic grade level in all subjects by providing tutoring, textbooks, and school supplies

We also address other areas that impact a child's education such as food insecurity and basic resource needs. We provide children with the nutritious food and hygiene items they need to thrive, so that they are healthy and ready to learn when school is in session.

With the help of donors, volunteers, and partnerships with public school districts, FOCUS will continue to serve and improve the lives of homeless and poor children around the United States.



## TUTORING AND EDUCATION:

- Reading and tutoring with a child during the week
- Recess activity kits for teachers
- We provide textbooks and teaching resources to schools
- Books, backpacks, and school supplies for kids who are ready to learn

## BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Medical and dental checkups
- High-quality backpacks and school supplies provided to children in poverty
- Ensures children have proper footwear and learning materials as they start the new school year
- From 2013-2018, Back to School programs have provided new clothing and school supplies to more than 300,000 children over 50 cities.



## LIFE-ESSENTIALS

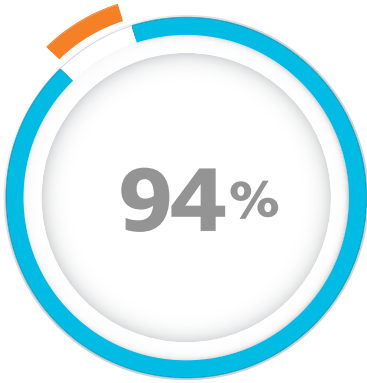
- New athletic shoes for kids throughout the school year
- Clothing for women and children
- Household items for families in crisis situations such as displacement or homelessness due to house fires.
- Home improvement services for single parent homeowners



As a teacher here in Detroit Public Schools, we have students who come in and the soles of their shoes are missing. I really appreciate it. FOCUS brought us a palate of these shoes last time and we got rid of them in four days. //

—A Detroit School Teacher

# IN 2018 #FOCUSISEFFICIENT



## 94%

of all donations go directly to programs helping those in need! We work hard to keep our overhead at **6%**

**FOOD**  
**43,000**  
hot and  
take-home  
meals

**OCCUPATION**  
**4,000**  
books, textbooks,  
and school supplies  
educating for future  
workplace success

**CLOTHING**  
**2,625**  
articles of shoes  
and clothing

**UNDERSTANDING**  
**1,960**  
volunteer hours

**SHELTER**  
**310**  
emergency  
household and  
hygiene items  
distributed

FOCUS North America is a national movement of Orthodox Christians, united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions to poverty in communities across America. FOCUS has operations and youth volunteer experiences in more than 50 cities in the United States.

As an expression of Christ's love FOCUS North America serves the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned by providing Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter.



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