FOR A FAMILY LIVING IN POVERTY, a lack of simple items such as hygiene products and school-approved attire, can keep children out of school for days. For example, many families are unable to afford costly medicated shampoo to treat head lice.

FOR CHILDREN IN POVERTY, lost school time means lost learning time. When students do not return to school, they often struggle to catch up and become frustrated, which makes them less likely to achieve academic success.

HOW IT WORKS. Students have access to The Nurse's Pantry through school nurses, guidance counselors and principals. In addition to clothing, The Nurse's Pantry also provides hygiene items, appropriate footwear, outerwear, undergarments and lice treatment kits.