

For: Simple Needs GA
Marietta, Ga.

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SIMPLE NEEDS GA HONORED BY MARIETTA SCHOOL SYSTEM
--Nonprofit receives appreciation award for helping schoolchildren in need.

MARIETTA, Ga. (06/06/2016) — Marietta City Schools presented an appreciation award to [Simple Needs GA](#) (SNGA) for its efforts to bring birthday presents, new shoes and other uplifting and useful items to schoolchildren in need.

Brenda Rhodes, founder of the Marietta-based nonprofit, received the award on May 26 as [Marietta City Schools](#) honored teachers and school system employees during its annual awards celebration.

“This award is given to parents or other community members, businesses or organizations that support the system by giving of their time and talents, and are deemed to have made outstanding contributions to the school district,” said Kristin Hanfland, a Marietta schools social worker who nominated SNGA for the award.

Hanfland cited three SNGA programs, in particular: [Shoe Them Love](#) collaborates with social workers to give kids brand-new shoes; [My Birthday Matters](#) brings birthday presents to homeless kids in the Marietta school system and/or local shelters, and [Simple Household Needs](#) provides furniture and other items families need when getting back on their feet in new homes. “These programs make such a big difference in the lives of so many students and families in Marietta,” Hanfland said. “We cannot thank the organization and all the volunteers enough. We hope this token of appreciation expresses how grateful we are for this partnership and the positive impact you have on our community. You are very much appreciated!”

“It is our privilege to support the compassionate and hard-working social workers in the Marietta school system,” Rhodes said. “We are thrilled to receive this recognition for our work and, with the help of our amazing donors and volunteers, look forward to helping even more kids in the future.”

About Simple Needs GA (SNGA)

SNGA’s mission is to meet the simple needs of children, people experiencing homelessness, and others in need, while inspiring our community to do the same. The Marietta, Ga.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit offers several community-based programs. Donors and volunteers provide full-sized toiletries and other useful items to people living in homeless shelters. They furnish tents, sleeping bags, tarps and other essentials to those living in the woods or on the street, and supply families with furniture, appliances, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other household necessities. Other initiatives include providing schoolchildren with required school uniforms; helping social workers buy kids new shoes via gift cards; and bringing new presents and other items to homeless children celebrating their birthdays. For more info, visit SimpleNeedsGA.org.

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