

2. How many students, staff, and/or community members actually participated?

Our Sources of Strength group consists of about 40 students across grades 7-12. We have 2 adult advisors, in addition to various adult staff members throughout FHS/MMS who support the Sources of Strength message and participate in our group activities when able.

There were several families across all of the district buildings that requested and received school supplies.

3. How do you know your objective was achieved?

We had a Google Form families were instructed to fill out in order to request school supplies. Due to the number of families that requested assistance, both on the form and through speaking directly with school staff/admin, we felt our objective was fulfilled. While some only needed certain types of supplies, there were several who needed anything we could give them. Backpacks, notebooks, and pens were the most sought after supplies. We also worked closely with the counselors at Gilles-Sweet to provide supplies to families who had come forward to them and asked for help.

We have observed that, while requests for supplies have tapered off after the initial back-to-school period, there are still students who ask for supplies during the year. There was recently a student who needed a new backpack after hers was accidentally ruined, and we were able to provide that for her.

We also felt this grant helped our Sources of Strength students to provide support to their community and bring an awareness of the Sources of Strength program to the Fairview community at large. "Generosity" is one of the strengths on the Sources wheel, and our students exemplified this by giving their time to pack and distribute supplies, as well as to volunteer at Summerfest to supplement the grant and collect donations of school supplies from folks in the community.

4. How could the project/activity be improved? Were there any challenges, and how did you deal with them?

It is always hard to say what supplies will be most in need year to year, but if we intend to do this again, we would need to increase our supply of the most requested items - backpacks, notebooks, and pens. The challenge we had prior to distributing supplies was the question of exactly how much to order, and how many families would need assistance. We tried to deal with this by basing our calculations on the number of students that have received help from the schools or spoken to staff/counselors about needing assistance in the past.