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### **LOCAL TV STATION BRINGS JOY TO APE STUDENTS**

**LOS LUNAS, NM** - KRQE Cares brought smiles to the faces of students at Ann Parish Elementary through a generous donation of shoes. The initiative, through the local television station KRQE News 13, aims to address a pressing need among the students, providing them with comfortable and appropriate footwear.

KRQE Cares, which is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in need, collaborated with Ann Parish Elementary to organize the event.

Lisa Begay, the principal at Ann Parish Elementary, says the students were excited to get a new pair of shoes.

“The station was here recently and measured their feet and now they’re here today with about 400 pairs of shoes for the kids to choose from,” said Mrs. Begay. “It’s great to see the smiles on their faces.”

Ann Parish Elementary, a Title 1 school, serves a diverse population of students. Among the challenges they face is access to adequate footwear, which can have a significant impact on a child’s well-being and overall school experience. Recognizing this need, KRQE Cares stepped in to make a meaningful difference in their lives.

Through their network of community partners and donors, KRQE Cares was able to secure an impressive collection of brand-new shoes in various sizes and styles suitable for children of different ages.

“We’ve been doing this for over a decade,” explained Bill Anderson, the general manager of KRQE News 13. “We started with larger school districts and have expanded to the smaller ones, and we are thrilled to help the students here at Ann Parish.”

The students also received socks, books, snacks, and a hygiene kit.

The generous donations from KRQE Cares serve as an inspiring reminder that small acts of kindness can have a profound impact on the lives of individuals and communities. By acknowledging the unique challenges faced by Title 1 schools and taking proactive steps to address them, organizations like KRQE Cares play a vital role in empowering students to succeed.

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