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Lemon Family Donates Uniforms for Every Child in Two PC Schools

Oklahoma City, OK — Larry Lemon knows how to make a splash. Thanks to his generosity, the Lemon Family Foundation donated uniforms for every child in two Putnam City elementary schools recently. Mr. Lemon worked with the Putnam City Schools Foundation to determine which kind of gift would serve the children the most.

“The Lemon Family has the philosophy to help the next generation of kids by providing things they might not otherwise have. Each year we try to help and inspire young people to have a positive attitude and know they can succeed in their schoolwork. Since our boys graduated from PC West, and we have had a long-standing relationship with the Putnam City School System, I reached out to the Putnam City Schools Foundation to see if we could help a large number of students this year,” said Lemon.

After careful consideration, he toured a few school sites and decided that providing uniforms would make a huge difference to the students.

“We are a high poverty school, and we wanted to get away from labels. Now our kids look sharp and take school more seriously,” said Brenda Davis, Principal at Arbor Grove Elementary School. Each student at both Arbor Grove Elementary School and Hilldale Elementary School will receive two shirts and one pair of pants thanks to this gift.

“The Lemon family takes great pleasure in helping the next generation get new things. We have always wanted to help the teachers and the students succeed in the classroom. It is a nice feeling to work with the school principals and teachers to create an atmosphere where the students will have a positive attitude. When a student looks good, they feel good, and they have hope for their own future. When there is hope, magical things happen,” said Lemon.

Lemon’s generosity got the best of him, because after visiting two schools, he decided to provide both schools with uniforms.

“I was floored,” said Jennifer Seal, Putnam City Schools Foundation President. “The fact that he wanted to do it at all was so exciting, but when he told me he’d provide uniforms for two entire schools — about 1,500 students in all — we were quite humbled.”

Assemblies announcing the gift will be hosted by each school on Tuesday, Oct. 17, and Mr. Lemon will be recognized by staff, leaders, and students for his overwhelming support.

Shanda Brody, Principal at Hilldale, Putnam City’s largest elementary school, said, “This is an incredible gift and we hope to spread the message of selfless giving as we recognize our young people who show characteristics similar to Mr Lemon’s generosity.”

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