

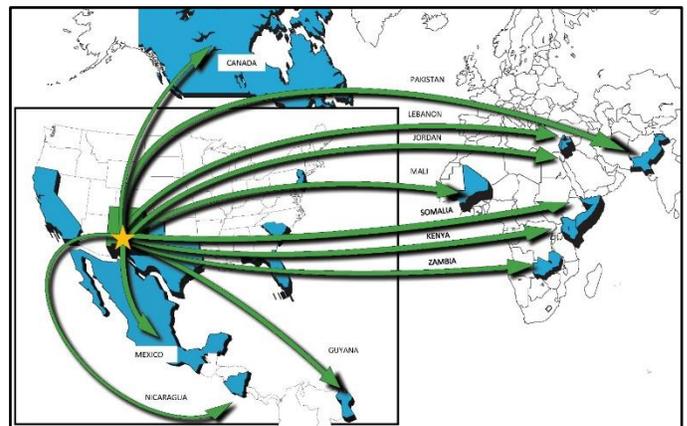
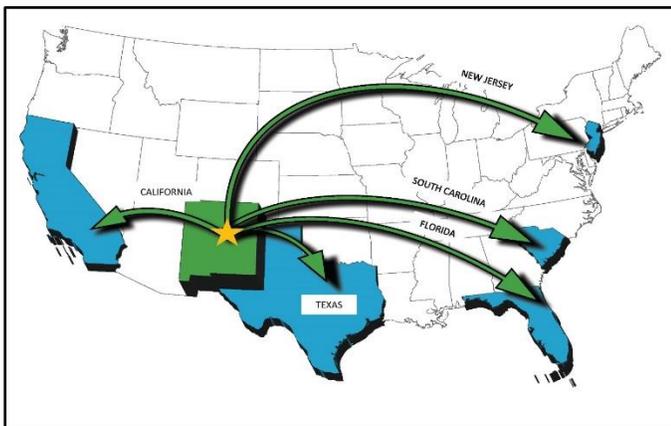
Working with IRN: How Six New Mexico Schools Made a Difference in Thousands of Lives



Over three weeks starting May 30, IRN completed reuse projects with three elementary, one middle, and two high schools in Las Cruces and Santa Fe, NM. Under an ongoing asset management and replacement program, the districts regularly survey and grade the condition of their furnishings. After accounting for pieces damaged or worn beyond further use, in early 2017 the two districts identified some 11,000 items suitable for reuse, but due for replacement or otherwise no longer needed in their schools. In addition to items still in place in the schools, the Santa Fe school district used this opportunity to eliminate items sitting in a warehouse, accumulating dust and storage charges, but unlikely ever to be used again.



The major issue with this group of projects was the tight schedule combined with the large number of pieces that had to be moved, packed, and shipped. Between May 30 and June 17, IRN coordinated the arrival and dispatch of 45 tractor trailers from seven project sites. There was far more inventory than any one of our charitable partners could absorb, so IRN partnered with four different charities. The charities, in turn, distributed the furnishings to fifteen separate locations, including independent schools in South Carolina, California, Florida, New Jersey, Texas, and Ontario (Canada), and international development projects in Mexico, Nicaragua, Guyana, Pakistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Mali, Kenya, Zambia, and Somalia. The nearly 7,000 items that were shipped to U.S., Mexico, and Canada destinations traveled in fourteen 53-foot tractor trailers. The 4,000-plus items destined for other international destinations traveled in 31 overseas shipping containers.



In less than three weeks, IRN filled 45 trailers from six New Mexico schools, providing furnishings for underprivileged children in five states and eleven countries around the world

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Easy? No, this wasn't an easy project. It took dozens of hours of coordination, near-constant communication with charities, international freight forwarders, and trucking companies, organization of multiple moving crews – on some days, three different moving crews working simultaneously at three different schools. And plenty of troubleshooting on the fly – when a truck broke down, or a charity requested a last-minute change in destination.

Worth it? Heck, yes. Nearly 2,000 desks, over 1,000 classroom tables, nearly 1,300 bookshelves and storage cabinets, nearly 5,300 student chairs, and some 2,000 other items including teachers desks, lounge and reception area furniture, music stands, cafeteria tables and chairs, and much more. All taken away from American landfills, all now being put to use, helping kids and communities where buying new school furniture isn't an option.



A few of more than 11,000 items from Las Cruces and Santa Fe, NM, provided to students across the U.S. and around the world.

New Mexico Inventory Shipped and Destinations, May-June 2017									
Item	Student Desk	Student Seating	Table, Classroom	Storage	Other Desk	Other Seating	Table, Other	Other	Total
Independent Schools, United States									
California	75	229	18	51	9	36	0	18	436
Florida	63	170	51	57	13	13	0	4	371
New Jersey	37	274	23	80	5	15	10	13	457
South Carolina	50	156	45	30	11	45	13	9	359
Texas	367	731	206	199	34	258	48	90	1,933
Subtotal, U.S.	592	1,560	343	417	72	367	71	134	3,556
International Destinations									
Ontario, Canada	75	566	139	136	14	12	0	0	942
Mexico	508	1,067	143	256	71	145	167	84	2,441
Nicaragua	108	316	0	0	5	33	0	0	462
Mali	291	431	5	70	30	0	0	0	827
Kenya	53	100	35	47	12	13	0	0	260
Somalia	40	110	15	43	4	2	2	18	234
Zambia	59	440	148	67	18	31	5	13	781
Lebanon	91	276	76	119	12	24	2	5	605
Jordan	88	335	72	85	14	21	0	1	616
Pakistan	56	86	72	38	9	40	12	20	333
Subtotal, International	1,369	3,727	705	861	189	321	188	141	7,501
TOTAL	1,961	5,287	1,048	1,278	261	688	259	275	11,057

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