



NJ 2-1-1 Partnership

2018

**Stuff the Bus
Tools for School
Backpacks 4 Kids**

Whatever the name, it's all about collecting school supplies for children in counties throughout NJ during the month of August. The initiative is organized by local United Ways in partnership with local corporations, organizations and individuals who are determined to help kids get a head start. Other organizations run similar efforts. See what is happening in your area.

NJ 2-1-1 will be updating its list of events as information becomes available. If you know of an event that is not listed, let us know by sending an email to jcampbell@nj211.org .

Help school children in your area by donating the following NEW items:

- Backpacks
- Binders
- Calculators
- Colored Pencils
- Composition Books
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Folders
- Glue
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Markers
- Notebooks (non-spiral)
- Notebooks (spiral)
- Paper (lined/3-holed)
- Pencil cases
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencils
- Pens
- Rulers
- Writing Pads

Statewide

Back-To-School Brigade

Operation Homefront is collecting school supplies and distributing them to military families in need. School supplies will be distributed from 11 am to 2 pm on August 16 at Ft. Dix. Recipients are asked to [register](#) for this event. For more information, email Matt.McCue@operationhomefront.net.

Eligibility: Active duty, E1-E6 or post 9/11 wounded, ill or injured, all ranks

Atlantic County

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Bergen County

**Social Service Association of Ridgewood & Vicinity* is providing families with Back to School supplies. Must become a client to receive services. Please call for more information on how to become a client 201-444-2980. This program is open to only residents in the following towns:

- Ridgewood
- Wyckoff
- Midland Park
- Hohokus
- Glen Rock
- Waldwick

Burlington County

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***The Christian Caring Center** is running a Back To School Supply drive. All donations can be arranged for pick up by 2017 Next Level Youth, Gianna Stoots. Please contact Tabatha Stoots via email njtabb005@comcast.net, Subject: school supplies.

***Oaks Integrated Care** runs Operation Fill-A-Backpack. Get involved by dropping off donations. Run your OWN Operation Fill-A-Backpack drive: get your family involved, friends, co-workers, or community. Oaks can provide you with a toolkit including collection bins, flyers and email templates. Lastly, make a monetary donation by mail or donation online. For any questions call Addy Castellar at 609-267-5928 x99836 or aldelise.castellar@oaksintcare.org.

Camden County

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***Camden Rescue Mission** is having their annual Book-Bag Drive for children from kindergarten to High school. The distribution of the backpacks will be on September. To make monetary donations please send it to Camden Rescue Mission Inc., 1634 Broadway, Camden, New Jersey 08104 or online.

Center for Family Services is collecting school supplies for children preschool - teens. Donations are accepted starting July 13, 2018 - August 17, 2018 and should be dropped off at specified locations. To start a collection or to make a donation please contact Emily Flemming, emily.flemming@centerffs.org or 856-964-1990 x110. Please visit the [website](#) for more details.

Drop off locations listed below:

Note: Agencies with an asterisks () next to their name have not been verified for 2018.*

1. Cherry Hill Mall
Guest Services Center
2000 Route 3, Cherry Hill

2. The Promenade at Sagemore
Concierge's Desk
500 Route 73 South, Marlton

3. United Way of Gloucester County
454 Crown Point Road, Thorofare

4. Center For Family Services
1 Alpha Ave, Voorhees

5. Old Navy
Deptford, Gloucester & Sewell

6. Boscov's
Moorestown, Deptford & Voorhees

7. Courier Post
301 Cuthbert Blvd, Cherry Hill

8. Volunteer Center of South Jersey
1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell

****Lourdes Medical Associates/Osborn Family*** holds its annual Backpack Drive for local children in need now through August. The health center is asking members of the community and its employees to donate new backpacks stuffed with school supplies. All donated backpacks stuffed with school supplies will be distributed to local children in need prior to the start of the school year. Donation can be made two ways. First, school supplies can be purchased online and shipped directly to:

Osborn Family Health Center
1601 Haddon Avenue
Camden NJ

Attention: Deborah Bokas.

Secondly, stuffed backpacks can also be dropped-off at Osborn. Drop-off times are

Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 5:30pm. Group pick-ups can be arranged for any questions call Deborah Bokas at 856-757-3542.

Cape May County

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Essex County

Revival Today is hosting the Festival of Life. This event includes backpacks for kids, supplies for kids, financial assistance, prizes, music, activities, and more. This event will take place August 19th-24th starting at 6pm, located at Lincoln Park 1035 Broad St Newark, NJ 07102. Text "HELPNOW" to 797979 for any questions.

Gloucester County

**United Way of Gloucester County* runs an Operation Backpack drive to collect school supplies for children ages 4-19. They are especially in need of backpacks for teens. Donate backpacks now through August at 454 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, NJ 08086. For more information please call 856-964-1990 x110 or operationbackpack@centerffs.org.

Hudson County

No activities reported at this time

Hunterdon County

**United Way Hunterdon* is running a Tools 4 School Drive. For more information please call Amy Andersen 908-237-1689 or email amy@uwhunterdon.org.

Mercer County

* *Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)* is collecting school supplies. Donations can be dropped off at their location, 72 ½ Escher Street Trenton, NJ 08609. For questions or more information call 609 - 695 - 5456.

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Middlesex County

**Kidzdent in Old Bridge, NJ* is collecting school supplies. Supplies will be taken to the Old Bridge Food Bank and delivered to 170 families. They are requesting: pens, pencils, pencil cases, erasers, pocket folders, 3 ring binders, composite notepads, and paper.

Monmouth County

* *Lunch Break* is collection school supplies. Donations can be dropped off at 121 Drs. James Parker Blvd. Red Bank, NJ 07701. For more information or to register for supplies contact Melia @ 732 - 747 - 8577 ext. 3022.

**United Way of Monmouth and Ocean* runs a Stuff the Bus Drive for local kids. Donations can be brought to United Way offices or purchased at the store events in Monmouth and Ocean counties throughout the month of August. Purchase a Target gift card and have it shipped to United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties at 1415 Wyckoff Rd, Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Volunteers ages 12+ are also needed to hand out fliers and collect donations at the store events. For more information please contact Jackie Liguori at jliguori@uwmoc.org or 848-206-2037.

Morris County

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Ocean County

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Passaic County

***United Way of Passaic County's Backpacks 4 Kids program** is looking for donors that can coordinate collections of backpacks and school supplies. Help is needed from now through September. The goal is providing basic school supplies to children and to encourage an increase of academic success and higher graduation rates of school children in Passaic County schools.*

If you or your company, family or friends would like to help please email: carolines@unitedwaypassaic.org

Or you may wish to visit our website: <http://www.unitedwaypassaic.org> to learn more or to make a charitable donation to help children in need.

****CUMAC** is offering backpacks to families in need of Passaic County. Please visit CUMAC on the week of Aug 28th. Parents should come in with the child/children (K-12th grade) to provide the correct backpack/supplies. Backpacks are packed by grade level and supplies needed so it's important to have the students attend to provide details. Also, CUMAC, would like to get permission to take pictures of people coming in receiving bags for the website/future backpack promotions. If you have any questions please call Jennifer at 973-742-5518 x16.*

Location: 223 Ellison St, Paterson, NJ 07505

Salem County

No activities reported at this time

Somerset County

** Zufall Health* runs a Back to School Event for children ages 5-12 @ 71 Fourth St, Somerville NJ 08876. The first 50 registrations will receive backpacks, dental screenings, games, face painting, school supplies, and much more. To RSVP contact Fergie Romero at 973-328-3344 ext. 357.

Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women is collecting school supplies through August 3. Donations may be dropped off to the Somerset County Freeholders' Office on the third floor of the county administration building at 20 Grove St Somerville. The office is open weekdays from 8:30am - 4:30pm. Free parking is available in the adjacent Bernie Field Parking Deck. Donations may also be dropped off Wednesday from 4:30pm - 6:00pm through August 1st at the Somerset County Clerk's Office. For more information contact Stella Ayala at sccswomen@gmail.com.

Sussex County

No activities reported at this time

Union County

United Way of Greater Union County runs a Stuff the Bus program for students in PreK-8th grade. The goal is collect enough supplies for at least 600 kids. Donations will be expected starting in July through August 14th. Pick up dates are August 16th -17th. For more information contact the office at 908-353-7171 ext. 104 or email Melanie at melanie.mclaurin@uwguc.org.

**Plainfield Action Services* runs a Backpack for Students drive for the first 500 families. Come in person to apply @ 510 Watchng Ave. Plainfield, NJ 07060 and bring proof of children (Birth Certificates and Social Security Cards). The backpacks will be distributed August and parents must bring children. For more information please call 908-753-3519.

Warren County

**Zufall Health Community Health Center* is having a Back to School Event at 117 Seber Rd Unit #5 Hackettstown NJ 07840. Children ages 5-12 will receive medical screenings, free school supplies and backpacks, exercise games, police dog demonstration, healthy food education, music, snacks and refreshments, and much more. For more information and to RSVP contact Erik at 973-328-3344 ext. 256.

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