



Backpack Drive 2026 Donor Instructions
All backpacks are due to our office by Thursday, July 9

Thank you for supporting this year's Hope Solutions Backpack Drive. Your participation helps provide children in our programs with the essential school supplies they need for a successful start to the school year.

Please review the following instructions for preparing and packaging backpacks for children in our programs.

Packed Backpack Donations:

- **All backpacks donated to Hope Solutions must be packed with the items listed on the provided school supply list.** To help ensure every child receives an equitable experience, please do not include additional items such as gift cards, cash, extra school supplies, food, or toys. **We kindly ask that backpacks contain only the requested supplies and are not overstuffed.** Please donate only new, unused backpacks and school supplies.
- **Backpacks must be fully packed and ready for distribution prior to delivery to our office.** Due to the growth of our Backpack Drive, we are unable to accept unpacked backpacks or separate school items. Please pack all requested items inside the backpack before drop-off.
- **Please label each backpack with the assigned school grade group and gender,** for example: "K-1st Girl" or "Middle School Boy." Labels should be clearly visible on the outside of the backpack.
- **All backpacks should be delivered to our office at 399 Taylor Blvd. Suite 115 in Pleasant Hill by Thursday, July 9th:**
 - Backpacks may be dropped off at our office Monday – Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. If you need to arrange a drop-off outside of these hours, contact Sandibel Arnold at sarnold@hopesolutions.org. Our office will be **closed** on the following dates:
 - June 19
 - July 4
 - July 10
 - All weekends
 - Please do not leave backpacks outside of our office.

Monetary Donations:

- Monetary donations will help us purchase backpacks, school supplies, and other essential items needed for our programs. Financial contributions will allow us to fill gaps in needed backpacks and ensure every child receives the supplies they need to start the school year prepared and confident.
- Monetary donations in support of our backpack drive can be made online at:
 - <https://www.hopesolutions.org/2026-backpack-drive/>

If you are working with a larger group such as a faith community, civic group, or club, and would like to be acknowledged for your individual contribution, complete the form below and return to Sandibel Arnold at sarnold@hopesolutions.org. You will receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes and be recognized in our annual report for your support.

Again, thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sandibel Arnold at sarnold@hopesolutions.org.

Backpack Drive 2026 School Supply List

While all new and unused donations are greatly appreciated, the following brands and materials have been especially popular and well-loved by the children in our programs:

- JanSport backpacks
- Adidas backpacks
- Target brands backpacks
- Crayola crayons, markers, colored pencils, and watercolors
- Ticonderoga pencils
- Paper Mate mechanical pencils
- BIC pens and pencils
- Expo dry-erase markers
- Solid colored backpacks or minimal designs for 3rd grade and older

These suggestions are optional and intended only as a helpful guide when shopping.

Pre-School:

- Backpack
- Plastic pencil box
- Kid scissors
- Watercolor Paints (Basic 8 color set)
- 4 #2 Pencils for beginners and a compatible sharpener
- Pack of 8 Jumbo crayons

Elementary School:

- Backpack
- Large pink erasers (2 pack)
- Plastic pencil box
- #2 Pencils (box of 12)
- Package of lined paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 Notebook (wide ruled)
- Medium box of crayons (Box of 24)
- Package of 8 washable colored markers
- Package of glue sticks (4-pack)
- Pencil sharpener
- Kid scissors
- Colored pencils (12 ct.)
- Watercolor Paints (basic 8 color set)
- 2 Two-pocket folders
- Set of dry-erase markers

Middle School:

- Backpack
- Large pink erasers (2-pack)
- Mechanical Pencils & Lead
- Pens (3 blue, 3 black, & 3 red)
- Pkg. of 8 skinny washable colored markers
- Highlighters (variety of colors)
- Pencil sharpener
- 4 - Folders with pockets
- 1 Notebook (College Ruled)
- Pack of Lined Paper (College Ruled)
- Glue Sticks (4-pack)
- Colored Pencils (24 Count)
- Post-It Notes
- Set of dry-erase markers
- Pencil Pouch
- Adult scissors

High School and College:

- Backpack
- 1-inch 3 ring binder
- 1 set tabbed dividers (1/6th cut)
- Large pink erasers (2-pack)
- Mechanical Pencils & Lead
- Pens (3 blue, 3 black, & 3 red)
- Pkg. of 8 skinny washable colored markers
- Highlighters (variety of colors)
- Pencil sharpener
- 5 -Folders with pockets
- 3 Notebooks (College Ruled)
- Pack of Lined Paper (College Ruled)
- Pack of Graph Paper
- Glue Sticks (4-pack)
- Colored Pencils (24 Count)
- Post-It Notes
- Set of dry-erase markers
- Pencil Pouch
- Adult scissors

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Backpack Drive 2026 Donor Acknowledgement Request

Yes, I would like to receive a donor receipt in the mail for my Backpack Drive contribution. My information is below:

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Faith/Service/Club/Other Community:

Thank you!