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OHIO & INDIANA

OPERATION BACKPACK®

Give every child hope!

Kids in our community need you!

Operation Backpack gives local area children in need a new backpack and school supplies to start the school year. By lending your support, you're doing more than donating supplies — you're giving hope to families facing tough times and showing children that their community believes in them.

Let's join together to help every child start their school year ready to chase their dreams and take on the world!

Facts & Figures

- Each year, local teachers spend on average \$673 buying supplies for their classrooms.
- Well over 90% of public school teachers pay for school supplies, without being reimbursed, according to the National Education Association.
- One in five school children in the U.S. live below the federally defined poverty line. In many school districts, teachers do not hand out supply lists because they know parents cannot afford it.

The top 5 most needed school supplies recommended by teachers:

- Pencils
- Pencil pouch
- Blue or black ball point pens
- Highlighters
- Markers



When you give a backpack and school supplies, you are helping children AND their parents who are working hard to make ends meet. You're giving hope to the entire family! You can help kids dream big for their futures.

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