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Friends In Deed

2022-2023 Back-to-School Backpack & School Supply Drive

Dear Friends,

As the school year ends and summer approaches, we are looking forward to making a fresh start in the fall. The Food Pantry community is pleased that our young students will again return to be with their friends and teachers in the classroom next school year. With anticipation, we have already started planning our annual “Back-to-School” event.

Our FID families continue to face many financial challenges including frustrations over rising prices and supply shortages. Economic instability and the pervasive uncertainties of our time make it even more difficult for families to prepare their children for the new school year. This makes our 2022-2023 “Back-to-School” event so vital to the families we serve.

Your participation is more important than ever. Your help and support are imperative to the success of this special event. We cannot do it without you.

Every year, we come to you, our Friends In Deed family, to help us make the Back-to-School Backpack & School Supply Drive a success. Last year, we gratefully distributed over 330 backpacks filled with school supplies to school-aged children representing over 60 schools in Pasadena and the neighboring communities.

We hope that you will join us in this effort!

On two consecutive Saturdays, July 30 and August 6, we will be distributing backpacks and supplies to families in our community. We ask you to help us by dropping off donations to the Friends In Deed house, located at 444 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104 (on the corner of Washington Blvd. and Los Robles Ave.).

Donations will be accepted between 9am and 3pm on the following days only:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 30, July 1 & July 2
Thursday & Friday, July 7 & 8
Saturday, July 16
Thursday & Friday, July 21 & 22

Please note that Friends In Deed will be closed for summer break from Saturday, July 9 through Friday, July 15. No deliveries will be accepted during that time.

The drop off schedule is a little different this year, so please reach out to Tim, timn@friendsindeedpas.org or Stacey, staceyc@friendsindeedpas.org, via email or give them a call at 626-797-6072 if you have any questions.

If you would like to support this event, here are some things to consider:

1. **Please avoid all red and all blue backpacks. This is very important to our schools.**
2. Backpacks should be sturdy enough to handle the rigors of a student's day and the tremendous supply of books students heft around, especially high school students.
3. The school supplies needed are recommended by the Pasadena/Altadena area schools and the list is included below.
4. Empty backpacks and school supplies must be delivered to Friends In Deed, by Friday, July 22, 2022 in order to be included in the distribution.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact Tim timn@friendsindeedpas.org or Stacey staceyc@friendsindeedpas.org via email or phone 626-797-6072. Thank you for helping us ensure that the students in our community have a great start to the upcoming school year.

In service and with gratitude,



Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater
Executive Director



Tim Nistler
Director of The Food Pantry

 **Doing together what we cannot do alone**

Friends In Deed is a DBA of The FID Group, formerly Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Congregations, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
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Back to School Supply List 2022-2023

We need more supplies for students in the upper grades,
6th-12th, than lower grades

College ruled notebook paper (more popular than “wide-ruled” paper)

Spiral notebooks

Composition notebooks, hardcover

3-Ring binders: 1" - 3" (prefer with clear view pocket on front)

Tab dividers for binders

2 pocket folders (prefer poly folders)

Copy paper (for printing)

Pens: red, blue, and black ink

Pencils: #2 pencils and mechanical pencils

Erasers and pencil-top erasers

Zipper pouches for pens and pencils (3 hole-punched to fit in binders)

Dry-erase markers

Colored markers (NO Sharpies or Permanent Markers)

Highlighters: all colors

Colored pencils

Sharpeners for colored pencils (must hold shavings)

24 colors crayons (prefer Crayola Brand)

Student scissors or softgrip student scissors (such as Fiskars)

Rulers (metric & standard)

3" x 5" index cards

Glue Sticks (preferred to glue in bottles)

Wide ruled notebook paper (for lower grades)

Pocket pack tissues

Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes