



Back To School Drive – Backpack Filling Event August 5th from 8am to 7pm

Imagine the first day of school for a child with no supplies. No backpack, no pencils, no paper. For a child experiencing being unhoused or poverty, this isn't just an inconvenience; it's a profound feeling of being unprepared and unseen. It impacts their ability to learn, thrive, and feel like they belong. Every child deserves to start school feeling confident and ready.

That's why we're organizing our 2nd annual backpack filling drive on August 5th. To provide essential school supplies for children locally in need, supporting **SOME (So Others Might Eat) Back to School Campaign**. (Located just blocks away from our Washington DC Experience Center.) For over 50 years SOME has been a beacon of hope in Washington D.C., breaking cycles of poverty and homelessness. Their Back-to-School campaign directly empowers children with the tools for success. Join us to make a difference

How Can you Participate

Help us fill backpacks with school supplies. Come join us on **August 5th** from **8 am - 7pm**. We will host 3 sessions. Feel free to come to one or all.

- **Breakfast 8-10am** - You fill the backpacks and we will provide breakfast along with coffee, tea and fresh juice bar
- **Lunch 12 - 2pm** - A true power lunch. Come join us for a tasty catered lunch while you fill backpacks that will empower local children arrive at school this year ready to learn!
- **Happy Hour 4-7pm** - Do good and have fun! Enjoy filling backpack while listening to great music snacking on tasty bites and sipping amazing cocktails, and mocktails handcrafted by our guest mixologist. We will conclude the evening with our "hand off" ceremony where we will present the backpacks to SOME and other local organizations

Donate School Supplies - We will be collecting new school supplies from 7/23 - 8/3 at Lutron's Washington DC Experience Center 455 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 770 If you are interested donating supplies please message me at jschwartz@lutron.com and we can coordinate delivery. See school Supply list below

School Supply List

	Grades Pre K-2nd (130 children) 50 boys & 50 girls & 30 gender non-binary
	Backpack
	1 12-pack of #2 pencils
	5 glue sticks
	1 pair safety scissors
	2 wide-ruled composition books
	1 pack of 3X5 index cards (white)
	4 two-pocket folders
	1 24-pack of crayons
	1 8-pack of markers
	1 box of colored pencils
	2 pink erasers
	1 pencil pouch
	1 hand sanitizer (8 – 10 oz)
	1 pencil sharpener (blades enclosed)
	1 box of tissue

	Grades 3-5 (90 children) 30 boys & 30 girls & 30 gender non-binary
	Backpack
	1 12-packs of #2 pencils
	5 glue sticks
	2 composition books
	2 spiral notebooks
	1 12-pack of colored pencils
	1 24-pack of crayons
	5 two-pocket folders
	1 pair safety scissors
	2 Erasers
	3-ring binder, 1 ½” or 2”
	1 pencil pouch
	1 box of tissue
	2 highlighters
	1 pack of 3X5 index cards (white)
	1 8-pack of markers
	1 hand sanitizer (8-10 oz)

	Grades 6-8 (65 children) 22 boys & 22 girls & 21 gender non-binary
	Backpack
	2 12-pack of #2 pencils or mechanical pencils
	1 pencil sharpener
	Several erasers
	3 glue sticks
	1 pack of black ink pens
	1 24-pack of crayons
	1 box of markers
	1 12-pack of colored pencils
	2 3-ring binders – ½ “
	4 spiral notebooks and/or composition notebooks
	1 package of at least 5 color tab dividers
	1 pack of graph paper
	2 packs of notebook paper
	5 two-pocket folders
	2 highlighters
	Scissors
	100 count of 3X5 index cards
	1-6 oz. of hand sanitizer

	Grades 9-12 (53 children) 26 boys & 26 girls & 26 gender non-binary
	Backpack
	2 12-packs of #2 pencils or mechanical pencils
	1 pencil sharpener
	Several erasers
	3 glue sticks
	1 pack of black ink pens
	1 24-pack of crayons
	1 box of markers
	1 12-pack of colored pencils
	2 3-ring binders – ½-inch
	4 spiral notebooks and/or composition notebooks
	1 package of at least 5 color tab dividers
	1 pack of graph paper
	2 packs of college-ruled notebook paper
	5 two-pocket folders
	2 highlighters
	100 count of 3X5 index cards
	Scissors
	1-6 oz. of hand sanitizer