



**NJ 2-1-1 Partnership**

**2017**

**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](mailto:jcampbell@nj211.org).*

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

- Backpacks
- Binders
- Book Covers
- Calculators (solar & scientific)
- Colored Pencils
- Composition Books
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Folders (with pockets)
- Glue sticks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Lunch Boxes
- Markers
- Notebooks (non-spiral)
- Notebooks (spiral)
- Paper (lined/3-holed)
- Pencil cases
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Wipes (Facial/Hand)
- Writing Pads

## Statewide

### Back-To-School Brigade

Operation Homefront is collecting school supplies and disbuting them to military families in need. School supplies will be distributed August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command Building 5231 South Scott Plaza,, Ft. Dix, NJ. For more information email [Matt.McCue@operationhomefront.net](mailto:Matt.McCue@operationhomefront.net). Click [here](#) to register.

## Atlantic County

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## Bergen County

*Social Service Association of Ridewood & 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

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*The Christian Caring Center* is running a Back To school Supply drive. All donation can be arranged for pick up by 2017 Next Level Youth, Gianna Stoots. Please contact Tabatha Stoots via email [njtabb005@comcast.net](mailto:njtabb005@comcast.net) , Subject: school supplies. Donations will be distributed August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> , 2017 from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

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**Locations:**

**Oaks Integrated Care Locations**

- 770 Woodlane Rd, Suite 15, Mt. Holly

**Starbucks**

- Moorestown Mall Kiosk: 400 NJ 38, Moorestown
- 10 Centerton Rd, Mt. Laurel
- 41 East Main St, Moorestown

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**Oaks Integrated Care**

- 128 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd, Berlin
- 499 Cooper Landing Rd, Cherry Hill

### Starbucks

- 480 Evesham Rd, Cherry Hill
- 512 Haddonfield Rd, Cherry Hill

### Garden State Discovery Museum

- 2040 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill

**Camden Rescue Mission** is having their annual Book-Bag Drive for children from kindergarten to High school. They are in need of 850 book-bags this year and will start collecting starting July 1<sup>st</sup>-August 15, 2017. The distribution of the backpacks will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 12:00 noon at 1634 Broadway, Camden NJ 08104. 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 10<sup>th</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 and should be dropped off at specified location below. To start a collection or to make a donation please contact Emily Flemming [emily.flemming@centerffs.org](mailto:emily.flemming@centerffs.org) or 856-964-1990 x110. Please send any gift cards from (Target, Walmart, Staples, and Visa) to Center for Family Services, Attn: Development Department, 584 Benson St, Camden, NJ 08103.

### Drop off Locations

- Cherry Hill Mall  
Guest Services Center  
2000 Route 38, Cherry Hill
- The Promenade at Sagemore  
Concierge's Desk  
500 Route 73 South, Marlton

Hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm, Sat 10am - 6pm, Sun 11am - 6pm.

- United Way of Gloucester County  
454 Crown Point Rd, Thorofare, NJ

**Lourdes Medical Associates/Osborn Family** holds its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Backpack Drive for local children in need now through August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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. The last day is Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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**

*No activities reported at this time*

### **Gloucester County**

*United Way of Gloucester County* runs a 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 454 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, NJ 08086. For more information please call 856-964-1990 x110 or [operationbackpack@centerffs.org](mailto:operationbackpack@centerffs.org).  
Hudson County

### **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](mailto:amy@uwhunterdon.org). Stuff-the-Bus on Monday, Aug. 7, at the Community Volunteer Center, 20 Fulper Road in Flemington from 12p.m.-6

p.m. Drop off donations BJ's Wholesale Club on August 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on the following dates and these locations, July 29, WalMart, Clinton; July 30, Clinton ShopRite; Aug. 5, WalMart, Branchburg; Aug. 12, WalMart, Flemington. Please make drop off donations to the following locations:

- United Way Community Volunteer Center, Flemington
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Peapack-Gladstone Bank
- Hunterdon Health & Wellness Centers
- ATA Martial Arts, Flemington
- Domalena's, Flemington
- Frenchtown Pharmacy
- Flemington Car & Truck Country
- Fulton Bank of New Jersey
- Hunterdon Healthcare
- Hunterdon Prevention Resources
- Pointcut Salon, Flemington
- Provident Bank
- Retro Fitness
- Callaway, Henderson, Sotheby's International, Lambertville
- Hunterdon County YMCA
- Glass Castle of Flemington
- Amwell Valley Self Storage, Ringoes

### **Mercer County**

*Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)* is collecting school supplies from August 7 to August 18, 2017. Donations can be dropped off at their location, 72 ½ Escher Street Trenton, NJ 08609. For questions or more information call 609 - 695 - 5456. To see the list of requested supplies view their flyer [here](#).

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#### **Locations:**

- Oaks Integrated Care  
1001 Spruce St, Suite 205, Trenton

- Starbucks  
100 Nassau St, Princeton  
2673 Main St, Lawrenceville

### **Middlesex County**

**Kidzdent in Old Bridge, NJ** is collecting school supplies from 7/24/17 - 8/21/17, Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm. 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 from July 10 to August 11, 2017. Donations can be dropped off between 9:00am and 2:00pm Monday through Friday, or from 9:00am to 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday's. Donations can be dropped off at 121 Drs. James Parker Blvd. Red Bank, NJ 07701. For more information and to register for supplies contact Melia @ 732 - 747 - 8577 ext. 3022. To see the list of requested supplies view their flyer [here](#).

**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](mailto:jliguori@uwmoc.org) or 848-206-2037.

#### **Store Events**

- Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm @ Walmart 1872 Rt. 88 Brick
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- Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm @ Wegmans 1104 Rt. 35 Ocean Township
- Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm @ Walmart 525 Rt. 72 Manahawkin
- Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm @ Walmart 3575 Rt. 66 Neptune

### **Morris County**

*No activities reported at this time*

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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 30, 2017. The goal is providing basic school supplies to children and encourage an increase of academic success and higher graduation rates of school children in Passaic County schools. Supplies and backpacks are distributed to numerous schools in Passaic, Paterson, Prospect Park and Clifton.

If you or your company, family or friends would like to help please email:

[carolines@unitedwaypassaic.org](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents should come in with the child/children (K-12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Zufall Health runs a Back to School Event** on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1pm - 3pm 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.

## **Sussex County**

*No activities reported at this time*

## **Union County**

**United Way of Greater Union County** runs a School Supplies Drive from July 1<sup>st</sup> - August 15, 2017. The company that donates the most will have their logo featured on the school bus. Participants may also order supplies [online](#) and have it delivered directly to 33 West Grand St Elizabeth NJ 7202. For more information, please contact Charlene Bathelus @ [charlene.bathelus@uwguc.org](mailto:charlene.bathelus@uwguc.org) or call 973-353-7171 x137.

**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 1 , 2017 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 August 18, 2017 from 4pm-7pm 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.