



BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS

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Spring is coming and children will soon be getting out of school for the summer. That means it is time, once again, for the MEED Backpack Collection Program. MEED is in its 9th year of running this worthwhile project. It is hoped that you will take the time to read this message and help out.

Currently there are 79,423 students in the Denver Public School system. Over 57,576 of them take advantage of the free/reduced cost lunches, and 1800 are completely homeless. These children are in need of basic necessities such as backpacks, pencils and notebooks. Right now they carry all of their belongings in grocery sacks, which they carry like a backpack.

Minority Enterprise & Educational Development, Inc., (MEED), collects new and gently used backpacks, and school supplies to distribute to the homeless students, in the fall. Your assistance is needed in the effort to help these children.

If you would like to help, please bring backpacks and/or school supplies to one of these drop sites.

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Or call MEED at 303-296-2969 and arrangements can be made to pick up your donation.

Monetary contributions are always welcomed, as well, so that more supplies can be purchased.

Organizations/Individuals who contribute will be recognized on the MEED Website -
www.meedcolorado.org

The Backpack drive begins now and runs through the end of July. To help you, when selecting supplies, the Basic Supply List of what the students need is below.

The goal this year is to collect 2,500 backpacks and to increase the number of partners that will hold backpack & school supply collection drives, which will help MEED reach its goal. MEED will also be able to assist other school districts that are trying to help their homeless student populations, as well.

MEED hopes that you will find it in your heart to help these wonderful children.

Thanks for your help. It is appreciated!

