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Anne Arundel County

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Mission

The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services will assist County residents to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency; provide services to strengthen individuals and families; and join our community partners in the protection of vulnerable children and adults

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Additional Donors Sought For Anne Arundel County's Annual Back To School Program

More than 2,000 children in financial need await matches with donors

ANNAPOLIS, MD (Aug. 1, 2017)—Anne Arundel County families, churches, community groups and businesses have a unique opportunity this summer to team up and assist families and children in financial need by participating in the 28th annual Back to School Program.

The Back to School program aims to ensure 6,000 eligible school children show up the first day with new backpacks and the supplies their families cannot afford. New and returning donors can register at <http://www.aacounty.org>, or call the Department of Social Services at 410-269-4462. Workplace, faith-based and community groups can assist multiple children by forming teams and signing up as a group donor.

“It is critically important that all students arrive at school with the supplies they need to succeed in the classroom,” said DSS Director Carnitra D. White. “This year we are challenging county residents to work together, form groups and help assist as many children in need as possible.”

The Back to School Program is a partnership between the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services and Anne Arundel County Public Schools that matches volunteer donors from the community with elementary school children in need of school supplies. Matched donors will receive the child's name, grade, school and a list of needed school supplies. The average cost for one child is \$50 - \$75, depending upon grade level.

Monetary donations are also accepted and are used to purchase additional school supplies and backpacks for eligible middle school students. For more information or to donate, call 410-269-4462.

Last year, with the assistance of 743 donors and monetary contributions of \$20,659, the Back to School Program provided more than 5,567 students in 81 county elementary schools with backpacks and school supplies. The program also assisted 12 county middle schools with \$1,000 each to purchase school supplies for their students. More than 77,500 eligible children have received assistance since the program began.

“It is impossible for a student to achieve his or her full potential without the proper

supplies,” Schools Superintendent Dr. George Arlotto said. “Our community has been steadfast in its support of our neediest students through this program, and that support has furthered our efforts to meet the needs of our students academically.”

Volunteers are also needed to help distribute backpacks in August. For more information about the Back to School program, to sign up to volunteer or to download a brochure, visit our website at www.aacounty.org, or call 410-269-4462.

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