

While most kids eagerly begin the school year with a new backpack filled with school supplies, thousands of students in our community will not have the critical tools they need to succeed in school.

Your support is needed more than ever for many families in our community, given the financial hardships of recent years. When you host a school supply drive at your business or organization, it is a great way to make a difference by giving our most vulnerable students the essential supplies they need to engage in their learning and reach their fullest potential.

## **WAYS TO HELP:**

- **Gather school supplies at your location:** 
  - You can drop off the collection at HEF or arrange for us to pick up the items.
- Shop from our Amazon Wish List:
  Supplies are delivered directly to our office.
- Encourage your staff to make a cash donation on our website:
  Note it is part of your company's supply drive.
- \$10 can supply 200 pencils to help support students' learning.
- \$35 can provide a student with a backpacked filled with essential school supplies.
- \$100 can support a teacher with crucial classroom tools and resources.
- \$250 can provide art supplies for an entire classroom.
- \$500 can fund an inclusive and diverse classroom library for a K-5 classroom.

If you are interested in hosting a supply drive, call or email Laura Grucza, Development Manager at (813) 574-0274 or Igrucza@educationfoundation.com.

