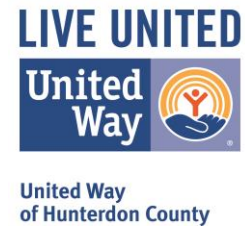


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June 2016

Dear Potential T4S Donor,

**LIVE UNITED by helping United Way of Hunterdon County (UWHC)
assist 1,300 Hunterdon County students in need this summer!**

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed; these families work hard, yet are often ineligible for many social services. Jobs may not yield a living wage and housing costs continue to rise. These ALICE families struggle as their income fails to cover the cost of living and they have little to no savings, so the cost of necessary school supplies is an added expense that many families are unable to meet.

To assist families, United Way of Hunterdon County created the Tools 4 School program, which provides students in need with the necessary basic school supplies so they are ready to learn and equipped to achieve greater educational success. In 2015, our Tools 4 School program assisted over 1,300 Hunterdon County students. This number includes children eligible for the free/reduced price school meals program and ALICE families that are living on the edge and in need of assistance to remain financially stable.

All children look forward to arriving on the first day of school with new school supplies. Feeling good about themselves and having the tools they need to complete their school work truly helps children get on track as they start a new school year.

Won't you help give a child a fresh start this school year?

Our Request:

We are asking individuals to participate by either running their own school supply drive and/or donate supplies to help us create basic school supply kits. UWHC will also accept monetary donations to purchase basic supplies. **Donations will be accepted through August 8, 2016.**

How to Participate:

Complete and return the enclosed 'T4S Donor Information Form' by July 15th, so we know that we can count on you to support Hunterdon County kids! If you are able to take a T4S collection box, we would like to drop it off to you in early July, so you have a month to collect the school supplies.

LET UWHC STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR. Consider a monetary donation. Over the years we have learned the best places to purchase school supplies in bulk for the lowest cost possible. You would be amazed at the amount of items we are able to get with just a small amount of money! For example, we can purchase a case of 24- 17" backpacks for \$90.

Don't have time to shop, but want to buy supplies? We always are looking for donors to help by **ordering 17" or 19" backpacks from bagsinbulk.com and having it shipped free directly to United Way of Hunterdon County!** Other online purchase options highlighted on the 'Donor Information Form' enclosed.

Interested in volunteering with this important program? Let us know!

Tools 4 School allows us to all work together to invest in improving lives and conditions of students in our schools and community. If you have any questions, **want to volunteer**, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (908) 237-1689 or at amy@uwhunterdon.org.

Sincerely,

Amy Andersen, *Volunteer Engagement Manager*



Tools 4 School Donor Information

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM BY July 15th!

OUR GOAL: To create 1,300 basic school supply kits for 1,300
Hunterdon County students in need

Main Contact Information:

Company or Organization Name (if applicable): _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Number: _____ Home Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Circle best way to contact.**

Collection Options:

1) Complete Kits/Backpacks (Check, if applicable)

a. How many kits of each grade level will you make/collect supplies for?

_____ **Elementary School (K-4) Kit includes:** Backpack, Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Dry Erase Markers, Composition Book, Scissor, Wide-lined filler paper, Binder, Folders, Glue Stick, Pencil Case, and Pencil Sharpener

_____ **Middle School (5-8) Kit includes:** Backpack, Pens, Pencils, Colored Pencils, Highlighter, College-lined paper/notebooks, Folders, Dividers, Pencil Case, Pencil Sharpener, Composition Book, Binder, Scientific Calculator

_____ **High School (9-12) Kit includes:** Backpack, Pens, Pencils, Highlighter, College-lined paper/notebooks, Folders, Binder, Dividers, Pencil Sharpener, and Post-it Notes.

2) Tools 4 School Bulk Collection (Check, if applicable)

_____ Will collect supplies needed for kits to supplement other donations of school supplies.

I need _____ number of Tools 4 School collection boxes dropped off at the end of June/beginning of July. **Boxes will be due early week of August 8th!!!**

3) No time to shop, but want to help! (Check, if applicable)

_____ Will make a monetary donation to the Tools 4 School program of \$ _____ *

**Enclose a check made payable to UWHC*

_____ Will enclose gift card(s) for Wal-Mart to purchase school supplies. \$ _____

4) Will donate hard to get items that we need in bulk...(Check, if applicable)

_____ Will donate backpacks (**NO LOGOS, PLEASE!**)
(Please purchase 17" or 19" backpacks from bagsinbulk.com or Five Below)

_____ Will donate dividers (Best deal at
bulkofficesupplies.com item #KLF11908-BULK)

_____ Will donate binders (1" and 1.5" preferred)

_____ Will donate binder pencil pouches (Best deal at
bagsinbulk.com item ##664488)

_____ Will donate filler paper

5) Volunteer for Tools 4 School: (Check) _____ Yes, email me T4S volunteer opportunities

Contact Amy Andersen at 908-237-1689 for more information!
Send form back by email to amy@uwhunterdon.org, fax to 908-237-1466,
or mail to UWHC 4 Walter Foran Blvd., Suite 401, Flemington, NJ 08822
Please! All school supply donations due by August 8, 2016.

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.