

IMPACT STORY



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Tools 4 School –

Starting Our Kids Off Prepared

Thanks to United Ways' Tools 4 School program many hardworking families who once worried about being prepared for the first day of school, now eagerly await the annual milestone moment for their children.

Mom's Story

"I hadn't anticipated the cost of back-to-school supplies for middle schoolers when I promised my girls they could have a new outfit for the 1st day of school. When I saw that they each needed scientific calculators, I knew that I couldn't afford to do both, even after saving all summer. Tears came to my eyes when we opened the backpacks from United Way and the first things I saw were scientific calculators! Now my girls could show up on their first day ready to learn and looking their best – just like their friends."

Dad's Story

"I wish we had something like this when I was a kid because I was the one who showed up at school without a backpack, and felt out of place. I'm glad I can make sure another little boy doesn't. And teach my children how important it is to help each other."

Tools 4 School is a volunteer-driven program designed to ensure kids are ready to start the school year right thanks to the generous

donations we receive from businesses and individuals throughout the community.



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Mission

Tools 4 School ensures ALICE families (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, yet Employed), can make sure their kids go to school ready to learn and enables parents to have money for other necessities like school clothes and shoes. The volunteer-driven program also connects people to resources to help them improve their financial stability. Getting ahead isn't easy for ALICE in Hunterdon County, where it costs a family of 4 more than \$76,000 and an individual \$27,500 annually just to get by.

Impact

Tools 4 School volunteers and donors come together to provide school supplies and backpacks from more than 1,250 Hunterdon County students annually.

Did you know it costs \$48 for middle school supplies and \$42 for a teen in high school? Tools 4 School is an income support program that helps families stretch their back-to-school dollars.



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