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MIRACLES FOR KIDS CALLS ON THE COMMUNITY FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL DONATIONS TO HELP PREPARE KIDS' RETURN TO CLASSROOMS

- *The OC-based nonprofit provides families with critically-ill children essential school items & supplies needed for educational success*

IRVINE, Calif., (June 24, 2021) – [Miracles for Kids](#), an Irvine based nonprofit that provides mental, emotional, and financial support to families with critically-ill children, is gearing up for its annual Back-to-School Baskets of Miracles donation drive. After a long year & a half of learning from home, the children in our community are ready to get back to the classroom and are in dire need of school supplies that will ensure their success in the year ahead. The donations received from the community, which help alleviate the financial burden that school supplies often have on low-income families, will be assembled and delivered on July 31.

“Miracles for Kids focuses on finding ways to support vulnerable families and is dedicated to relieving the stressors that come with a critical illness such as bankruptcy, depression, hunger, and homelessness,” says Autumn Strier, Co-Founder and CEO of Miracles for Kids. “Many of our families live 15.5% below the Federal Poverty Guideline, and our Back-to-School Basket of Miracles program ensures that they don’t have to use their limited finances to purchase essentials such as school supplies.”

Backpacks will be assembled for up to 300 families, and will be filled with healthy snacks, school supplies, and seasonal gifts to ease the financial burden and spread joy to hundreds of critically-ill children and their families living right here in our communities. Miracles for Kids is asking the local community to donate essential items, including:

- Pencil Pouches/Boxes

- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Rulers
- Pocket Folders
- Spiral Notebooks (wide & college ruled)
- Sets of Dividers
- 1” Binders
- Scientific Calculators
- Graphic Calculators (can be gently used)
- Disinfecting/Sanitizing Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

“The ultimate goal is to alleviate these smaller financial burdens and provide children in need with essential items that bring them not only happiness, but the tools needed to achieve educational success,” says Strier.

Those wishing to donate can drop off items at the Miracles for Kids offices located at 17848 Sky Park Circle, Suite C, Irvine, CA 92614. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The deadline for donation drop-offs is July 19th. Volunteer opportunities are also available to help assemble the 300+ backpacks and deliver packages to families living in Orange County, Los Angeles County, and the Inland Empire. Visit www.miraclesforkids.org/volunteer-today to register today, and for more information please visit www.miraclesforkids.org/b2sbom.

More About Miracles for Kids

Miracles for Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving children with life-threatening illnesses and the families that care for them. By operating programs that provide financial aid, basic needs and wellness to patients and their families, Miracles for Kids creates stability when families are crumbling from the financial and emotional devastation of fighting for their child's life. Founded in 2002, Miracles for Kids is based in Irvine, CA. For more information, please visit <https://miraclesforkids.org/>.

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