



## **“Be the Miracle” for Families in Crisis As They Prepare to Go Back to School**

*The “Back-to-School Basket of Miracles” event delivers hope to families fighting for their children’s lives*

**Irvine, CA July 25th, 2022** – According to [Deloitte’s 2022 back-to-school survey](#), Back-to-school shopping will average \$661 per student this year due to inflation. The [Miracles for Kids](#) (Miracles) organization makes it easy for you to "be the miracle" for families fighting for their children's lives through their annual "**Back-to-School Basket of Miracles**" event, scheduled for **July 30th in Irvine, California**. The main priority for Miracles’ families is keeping their kids alive, which unfortunately comes with a lot of expenses and setbacks. As a result, many families are unable to afford the long list of back-to-school necessities.

When a family is brought down by the devastation of a critically-ill child, **Miracles** is there to pick them back up. Bills, work, and the pressures of life don’t stop when a child receives a devastating health diagnosis. Collaborating with several major area hospitals, organizations, and individuals, the **Miracles** team works tirelessly to ease the burden of families in crisis, so the caregivers can focus on fighting the battle. The “**Back-to-School Basket of Miracles’ event**” is just one way the non-profit helps to provide for these families, delivering school essentials for the kids.

Since 2002, the California-based non-profit has supported families struggling with the battle against a child’s life-threatening illness, providing essentials like financial support, housing, access to counseling, and more. “**Back-to-School Basket of Miracles**” event brings together over a hundred volunteers, and donors to assemble gift baskets for the families on their roster, offering a fun way to lend a helping hand.

### **Here are last-minute ways to make a real impact this season:**

1. **DRIVE.** Your help is needed for Miracles to deliver baskets to Irvine's local communities. The benefit of this is that it reduces our shipping costs and gives our volunteers the chance to interact with our families. Delivery shifts start at 12:30 and take about 2 hours. **Sign up for a specific delivery shift at [MiraclesforKids.Org](https://www.miraclesforkids.org).**
2. **VOLUNTEER.** Gather some friends or colleagues and help assemble baskets, support the team at the event, and or deliver baskets. Volunteer space is limited and fills up quickly. To volunteer, **please sign up at [MiraclesforKids.Org](https://www.miraclesforkids.org)**

The Miracles team has collected back-to-school items from sponsors, donations, and local community initiatives to offer a smooth transition for families that need it most. (Colored pencils, markers, crayons, mechanical pencils. Highlighters. Index cards, rulers, pocket folders, spiral notebooks (wide & college ruled), sets of dividers, 1" binders, and Target gift cards to help offset costs for families.) The full list of gathered items is [linked here](#),

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**Learn more about the July 30th, 2022 “Back-to-School Basket of Miracles”** event on the **Miracles for Kids** [MiraclesforKids.Org](https://www.MiraclesforKids.Org) along with even more creative ideas to “be the miracle.” Follow on Instagram @MiraclesForKids to see how your efforts make a difference or simply spread the message. Discover ways to get involved year-round - such as internships, community programs, giving circles, or events - at [MiraclesForKids.org](https://www.MiraclesForKids.org).

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**About Miracles for Kids:**

Miracles for Kids is a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving children with life-threatening illnesses and the families that care for them. Founded in 2002, and led by Co-Founder & CEO Autumn Strier for nearly 20 years, the organization creates stability for families that are crumbling from the financial and emotional devastation of fighting for their child's life. With programs providing financial aid, basic needs, housing, and wellness to patients and their families, Miracles for Kids fulfills a mission to help caregivers battle bankruptcy, homelessness, hunger, and depression, so they can concentrate on what matters most. Based in Irvine, California, the Miracles team currently serves families in treatment at the following hospitals: CHOC Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, Rady Children's, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, City of Hope and Loma Linda University Hospital. Follow on Instagram @MiraclesForKids to see how your efforts make a difference. Learn more and discover ways to get involved at [MiraclesForKids.org](https://www.MiraclesForKids.org).

