



## Back-to-School Backpacks

Please consider helping children stay in school by donating the following items. If you choose, fill the backpacks with other items you think will help an abused or neglected child feel encouraged to go to school.

Children removed from their home often are required to attend a different school as part of a placement process and have an increased need to feel like they belong; please no used items unless they are in very, very, good condition.

It helps to start the collection process at the end of the previous school year so they can be assembled and in the social workers' hands by mid-August.

However, many congregations are able to begin their collections in early August when they receive detailed lists from their matched SW which include whether the children are girls or boys, their ages and the grades they will be attending in the fall. SW's still must be able to pick up the packs for delivery to the children by mid to late August.

### Book Bags/Back Packs

Elementary	Middle/High School
book -- age appropriate	book -- age appropriate
tissues	colored pencils, pens
colored pencils	colorful spiral notebooks
crayons	compass & calculator
drawing pad	drawing pad
erasers	erasers
file folders, colorful	file folders, colorful
glue, glue sticks	geometric stencils & compass
journal	glue, glue sticks
markers	scissors
notebooks loose leaf & paper	journal
pencils, sharpener	markers
ruler	notebooks – loose leaf & paper
scissors, blunt	pencils and sharpener
pencils & sharpener	ruler
key chain toy	white out
red pens	red pens
binder	stapler & staples
tape	tape



### Small Container or Shoe Box Ideas

<b>Baby</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Teen</b>
Baby bottle & nipple	Apple juice	Combs and hair brush sets
Baby Lotion	Bar of mild soap	Finger nail polish, deodorant, toothbrush, tooth paste
Baby Shampoo	Brush and comb set	Hair rinse, razor and shaving cream
Comb/brush set	Bubbles	Key rings, flashlight, small book, travel alarm clock
Diaper rash ointment	Doll, ball or small toy	Lip-gloss, chapstick, complexion cleansing pads
Nightlight and bulb	Flashlight with batteries	Pens, pencils, markers
Pacifier	Gold fish	Shampoo, hairspray, gel or mousse
Rattle/teether	Lifesavers or gum	Small note pads, journal/diary
Socks	Pack of tissues	Snacks, gum, lifesavers, game, cards
Story or picture book	Pens, pencils or markers or crayons	Underwear, socks, sanitary supplies
Stuffed toy	Shampoo	
Undershirt (or onesie)	Side walk chalk	
Wash cloth	Small game, notebook, or story book	
	Socks	
	Toothpaste	
	Underwear (boy's or girls)	