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Operation Backpack

Center for Family Services gives children a jump start for a successful school year

CAMDEN, NJ – Its time for school again and parents are in a frenzy buying supplies and backpacks to equip their children for the new school year. They are not the only ones, Center for Family Services, has been in a frenzy as well, gathering supplies throughout the community for families that need assistance providing the essentials necessary for their children to have a successful school year.

Center for Family Services began their annual backpack drive “Operation Backpack” July 9, collecting backpacks at various locations throughout the community including two of the drives sponsor locations, The Promenade and The Courier Post.

“It is important that every child has the supplies necessary for school,” said Richard Stagliano, President, Center for Family Services. “When a child is adequately equipped for school it enhances their ability to learn because they are not stressed about not having the things that they need.”

This year, Center for Family Services has also received a clothing donation that will be distributed along with the backpacks. “We have sponsored this drive over the past few years because we believe that every child should have an opportunity to be successful”, said Lydia Lopez, Courier Post. “This drive relies on the contributions from individuals and business that share our belief in the importance of a good education.”

Backpacks, clothes, and school supplies are currently being sorted at the Mt. Ephraim Fire Hall. More than thirty community volunteers helped with this years drive. Supplies will be distributed to children and families in the community over the next few days.

“Center for Family Services is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support and empower individuals, families, and communities to achieve a better life through vision, hope, and strength,” said Stagliano. “Operation backpack not only supports education, it is an opportunity to invest in the lives of our children.”

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