

## **Operation Backpack: Mission Accepted!**

This summer, a lot has changed due to the Coronavirus pandemic—however, one thing that hasn't changed is the need to assist low-income families with back to school supplies for the upcoming year. Join us this year for Volunteers of America of Massachusetts Operation Backpack! Each year we rely on generous donors like you to help families that need your support.

**Operation Backpack** is an annual school supply drive that provides low-income families and children with the essential tools for the upcoming school year.

VOAMASS is looking for school supply donations for students from **all grades** (Pre-K through High School).

You can help by joining us for **Operation Backpack**.

Step 1: Download the <u>supply list</u>.

Step 2: Share the supply list at your workplace, school, or church and purchase the items on the list OR collect the donations yourself!

Step 3: **Humblebrag!** Take pictures of your donation and share them up on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, or <u>LinkedIn</u> for the community to see. Just don't forget to use the hashtag **#OPBackPack** in your post!

Step 4: Include both the supplies and the list in the backpack and contact us to coordinate delivery with our Annual Giving Coordinator, Meghan Gaucher at <a href="mailto:mgaucher@voamass.org">mgaucher@voamass.org</a>.

Step 5: Volunteers of America of Massachusetts in collaboration with our essential community partner distributes the backpacks to clients in need throughout our programs and the local community.

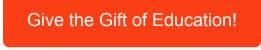
OR, this year we are accepting monetary donations! Please click the <u>link here</u> to contribute to Operation Backpack and VOAMASS will purchase the school supplies.

Stay tuned for more information from us on the delivery and distribution of backpacks!

Help even more by holding your own drive! Share the <u>supply list</u> at your workplace, place of worship, or other community group and be the Drive Leader to collect filled backpacks. You can also create a team-building exercise for your group as you collect supplies and put the backpacks together!

For more information, contact us at 617-522-8086 or <u>email</u> our Annual Giving Coordinator, Meghan Gaucher.

Thank you for your joining us in supporting the needs of children and families in need throughout the Commonwealth!







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