

# 2021 Backpack & School Supply Drive

Every child is given a world of opportunity through the gift of a backpack.

The [Education Foundation of Palm Beach County](#) believes every child in Palm Beach County should have equal opportunity and access to a quality education and strives to support that reality by providing the supplies underserved schools need for teachers to teach and learners to learn.

Each year, the [Education Foundation of Palm Beach County](#) is honored to collaborate with organizations, community partners and teams large and small to support underserved communities through the 2021 Backpack & School Supply Drive Initiative.

## The students need you and here is why:

- **\$875** - The average amount teachers spend of their own pay to purchase supplies for students that cannot afford them
- **67%** students in Palm Beach County rely on schools to provide free/reduced-priced meals
- **120,000** students are living in poverty (based on qualification and participation in the National School Lunch Program)



Join the Education Foundation as we rally around our students, teachers, schools and community. Your support helps place some of the district's highest-needs students in a more equitable path along their educational journey. See below for a variety of ways your company can get involved.

Create or Build Your Fundraising Team	Host a School Supply Drive	Sponsor a School	Volunteer Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team up with the Education Foundation to provide students the essential school supplies needed on Day 1 of the new school year this fall. Your fundraising efforts as a team will impact thousands of students and teachers who need you. Start your team today by <a href="#">clicking here</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EFPBC will provide a School Supply Drive Toolkit which includes helpful tips for employees to participate in a company-wide or team-style school supply drive for the district's highest-need students and schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Education Foundation staff will work with your team to select a recipient school and coordinate day/time to drop-off/distribute backpacks. Your team has the opportunity to include an informational flyer or promotional item from your company in each backpack</li> <li>• Your company will receive recognition in the Education Foundation newsletter, website, and social media platforms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage in a fun and memorable team building experience through the Foundation's signature program, Red Apple Supplies (RAS). Volunteering at RAS provides a hands-on way for companies to connect with local schools and teachers.</li> <li>• Schedule your Volunteer Day today by contacting <a href="mailto:Teresa@EducationFoundationPBC.org">Teresa@EducationFoundationPBC.org</a></li> </ul>

