

Brevard Schools Foundation to Give Away Free Backpacks and School Supplies

Cocoa, FL – The Brevard Schools Foundation will host its 14th Annual Back to School Giveaway Event to benefit local students in need on July 30 at Clearlake Education Center. Over 2,000 students on the Free and Reduced Lunch program will receive backpacks filled with school supplies. Backpacks are packed and distributed by a team of more than 100 volunteers, and a hot lunch will be provided to the students receiving supplies. Attendees must have pre-registered for the event to be eligible.

In Brevard County more than 37,000 students qualified for Free or Reduced Lunch during the 2014/2015 school year, and nearly 2,000 students were registered as homeless. Many of these children come to school without any supplies of their own and struggle to perform at the same level as their peers. The Back to School Event works to ensure that Brevard students are equipped and ready to learn before school starts.

This event is a community endeavor and only possible through the cooperation of many groups and individuals. Businesses including MC Assembly, PNC Bank, and Sam's Club have donated money or collected school supplies for the event.

Any supplies leftover from the Back to School Giveaway will be distributed throughout the year from the Supply Zone for Teachers. The Supply Zone is an educational resource center that gives free school supplies to teachers from high-poverty schools. Supplies are either used in the classroom or given directly to students who cannot afford their own. Individuals interested in learning more about the Supply Zone or the Back to School Giveaway Event should visit the Brevard Schools Foundation website at brevardschoolfoundation.org.