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Celebrate Tax Holiday with Donation to Collect for Kids

Virginia School Supplies Sales Tax Holiday Can Be a Boon for Local Youth

Fairfax, VA (July 29, 2013) – Fairfax County residents can save money and take advantage of the upcoming school supply tax holiday to purchase donations for this year’s [Collect for Kids](#) school supply drive. Fairfax County, Fairfax County Public Schools, corporate partners, and local nonprofits are collecting school supplies and backpacks for underprivileged students so that no child starts school unprepared. Monetary donations and backpacks are being accepted by eight local nonprofits and through local [Apple](#) and [Northwest Federal Credit Union](#) Branches, as well as [online](#) through August 23. The goal is to outfit the more than 40,000 students who qualify for free or reduced priced meals with the tools they need to start the school year successfully. Last year the drive provided more than nearly 20,000 students with supplies.

To make this drive successful, FCPS has created a Collect for Kids school supply list and is working with its local nonprofit partners to streamline the process of helping children get ready for back to school. Donations can be made:

- [In person](#) at any Apple Federal Credit Union or Northwest Federal Credit Union.
- [Online](#).
- At any of the nonprofit [affiliated partners](#).

“The Collect for Kids initiative has done an outstanding job of supporting our neediest students, helping them get the supplies required for the beginning of each new school year,” said FCPS Superintendent Karen Garza. “With the support of many caring organizations and businesses, the program offers citizens an efficient and effective means to help FCPS children in need. We thank the Fairfax County community for working together to benefit our students and help them get off on the right foot for the new school year.” “The best part of starting school for many kids is the school supplies and backpacks. We want every child to have the joy of owning their own backpack and feeling confident that they will make the grade,” commented Patricia Stevens, Executive Director of the Fairfax County office of Public Private Partnerships.

For more information visit the Collect for Kids website at <http://collectforkids.org/>.

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The Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) develops partnerships between the business community and local community organizations that address critical needs in Fairfax County. OP3 creates and develops public private partnerships to stimulate positive change in the community and encourages civic involvement and responsibility. One of the goals of OP3 is to bring together resources between the public and private sectors to effectively transform the quality of life in the community. Visit www.FairfaxCountyPartnerships.org to learn how you, your company and organization can become engaged in giving back to the community.