

## FINANCIAL STABILITY • QUALITY OUT OF SCHOOL TIME SPEED VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Take a new backpack and fill it with school supplies for a local child. Bring them to local schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, Catholic Charities Emergency Services, The Salvation Army or Place of Hope.

### Supplies, Instructions and Reflection

#### Supplies

##### Elementary:

- Backpack
- Notebook
- Folders
- Pencil case
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

##### Middle & High School:

- Backpack
- Notebooks
- Folders
- Pencil case
- Pens & pencils
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- 3 ring binder
- Calculator

#### Instructions

1. Decide if you will be making a backpack for an elementary student or an older student.
2. Buy or collect the new school supplies.
3. Place all the supplies in the backpack and label it with a tag noting the appropriate age and the supplies included in the backpack.

#### Reflection

1. How was your school experience affected by the supplies you used?
2. How did making this Back to School Backpack impact your life? How will it impact the child you help?

#### Why Back to School Backpacks?

**32% of children in Minnesota live in low income households. One in four renters in Central Minnesota pay at least half of their income on housing.**

These families have a harder time providing the necessary school supplies for children to be confident and enthusiastic about learning.

By creating a Back to School Backpack, you will be giving a local child the necessary tools to learn and be successful at school.