

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Urges Bronxites To Participate in Volunteers of America's “Operation Backpack” Campaign



Help a homeless child prepare to return to school by donating a backpack/school supplies today.

Did you know?:

- *In New York City, nearly 11,000 school-age children are homeless. One of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it has on a child's education.*
- *For families who are homeless, the price of a backpack and supplies (especially for the older grades) is more than they can afford and so their kids often go to school empty-handed, looking and feeling different from everyone else on day one.*
- *Last year, through the Volunteers of America's **Operation Backpack** campaign, companies and generous individuals across the City and beyond made it possible for **6,000** children to receive new, filled backpacks.*

GET INVOLVED TODAY:

- Drop off a new backpack at one of the official drop locations, including the Bronx Borough President's office located at 851 Grand Concourse, corner of E. 161st St. (Bronx County Court House) , Room 207, (from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.) NOW through August 8th; or
- Download the supply list required for a specific grade you would like to fulfill and drop it off at our office; or make a secure donation online at www.OperationBackpackNYC.org. Supply lists and everything else you want to learn about this important campaign can be found at the Operation Backpack website.