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## **United Way urges facilities to join Operation Back 2 School Drive to help students return to school with the supplies they need**

TRUMBULL COUNTY –United Way of Trumbull County is expanding efforts to obtain school supplies for low-income students across the county. Area businesses, organizations, clubs and churches are encouraged to host an Operation Back 2 School drive in their facilities between July 16 and August 10, 2018.

Operation Back 2 School is a community-wide school supply drive that was launched two years ago and featured in 10 local Dollar General Stores. Thanks to United Way’s partnership with Dollar General, designated elementary schools in Champion, Lordstown, Mineral Ridge, Newton Falls, Niles and Warren City school districts were provided boxes of new school supplies to distribute to their students in need.

“This drive is not limited to any particular school or district, we’d love to reach every school building in every district in Trumbull County,” states Ginny Pasha, President of United Way of Trumbull County. “Our overall goal for Operation Back 2 School is to get school supplies in the hands of all the kids in Trumbull County who come to school without the proper supplies to learn,” adds Pasha. Hosts can choose to designate their collections for a specific school district or United Way will distribute collections as requested by area schools and partner agencies.

Anyone who is interested in hosting an Operation Back 2 School drive is asked to call 330-369-1000, ext. 29 or email [crogers@unitedwaytrumbull.org](mailto:crogers@unitedwaytrumbull.org). Additional information is available on United Way’s website at [www.unitedwaytrumbull.org/operation-back-2-school-2](http://www.unitedwaytrumbull.org/operation-back-2-school-2). To make a monetary donation for the purchase of new school supplies, make checks payable to and mail to United Way of Trumbull County, c/o Operation Back 2 School, 3601 Youngstown Road, S.E., Warren, Ohio 44484, with your optional designation in the memo.

Requested supplies include loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, composition books, two-pocket folders, three-prong folders, No. 2 pencils, pens, highlighters, colored markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, pencil pouches, glue, glue sticks, rulers, nylon book covers, scissors, calculators and backpacks.

Participating sites will be available on United Way of Trumbull County’s website and announced to the media prior to July 16 and throughout the Sales Tax Free Weekend, August 3-5.

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