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### **BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY HOSTS BACKPACK GIVEAWAY AHEAD OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

**(Butler County, OH)**— The new school year is just around the corner, and Butler County United Way wants to make sure every child has what they need to get the most out of their education. Butler County United Way is teaming up with Booker T. Washington Community Center, Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton, Hamilton Young People Empowered (HYPE), Hamilton City School District, Shared Harvest Food Bank, and the YMCA to put together and distribute 1,000 backpacks full of school supplies to Butler County students in need.

Now through July 28, Butler County United Way is collecting donations of filled backpacks and funds to cover supplies for school children of all ages. Each student who arrives at the Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway Saturday, August 5 at Booker T. Washington Community Center will receive a new backpack full of supplies suited for all ages, including items like pencils, notebooks, folders, and more. After children receive their new backpack, they'll be able to make the most of the last few days of summer by having some fun on the splash pad with snacks provided. Kona Ice will also be available for purchase.

If you would like to help support students in Butler County make the most of their education, you can drop off filled backpacks at Butler County United Way Tuesday through Thursday 9-4 pm now through July 28. Monetary donations at \$17 per backpack are also greatly appreciated, with checks made payable to Butler County United Way.

The Backpack Giveaway will be held Saturday, August 5 from 11-12 pm at Booker T. Washington Community Center. The event will be first come, first served while supplies last, and each student must be present to receive a backpack. For a full list of supplies needed, donation instructions, and more information, please refer to the flyers attached or visit [www.bc-unitedway.org](http://www.bc-unitedway.org).

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Butler County United Way was founded in 1920 and is proud to serve the entire Butler County service area. We strive to be the trusted community partner, leading impactful change for human service needs in Butler County. We invite you to join us by giving, advocating, or volunteering. For additional information, contact Butler County United Way at (513) 863-0800 or visit [www.bc-unitedway.org](http://www.bc-unitedway.org).