

Pack up supplies for county's foster kids

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READY TO LEARN—Two sites in Moorpark are collecting school supplies for donation to foster, kinship and adopted children in Ventura County through Aug. 10. Kids and Families Together and Heart 2 Heart are the event sponsors. Courtesy photo

Kids and Families Together in partnership with Heart 2 Heart will host its annual Back to School Donation Drive for foster/resource, kinship and adopted children in Ventura County through Aug. 10.

The organizations support children and youth from kindergarten to college by providing backpacks and school supplies to them and their families.

With help of residents, businesses and community partners, the organization aims to provide the supplies to at least 250 children and youth in need.

On Sat., Aug. 10, the donations will be handed out to the kids at River Community Church in Ventura. Each child will receive a backpack and age-appropriate school supplies.

The event will also include a reading tent, touch-a-truck, donations of clothing and household goods as well as snacks.

In this regard, the organizations are seeking help in the following ways: through volunteering, direct donations, hosting a donation bin and shopping the Amazon wishlist at [a. co/30t9ROg](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_seller&pf_rd_p=30t9ROg).

The organizations are accepting donations including, but not limited to: backpacks, binders, dividers, paper, markers, crayons, pencils, pencil pouches, pens, glue sticks, rulers, calculators, personal care items and gift cards.

Donations can be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays at 561 Los Angeles Ave, Moorpark, and 6595 Collins Drive, Ste. A, Moorpark.

For more information or other drop-off locations throughout Ventura County, visit www.kidsandfamilies.org/backpack-giftawayevent.

Kids and Families Together is a local nonprofit that provides support, education and counseling services for individuals and families in foster care, kinship, adoption and birth families in Ventura County.

Heart 2 Heart assists foster and kinship families with events as well as durable goods to help with the children in their care such as bedding, clothes, diapers, small furniture and back to school supplies.

To volunteer, make a donation, schedule a pick-up or host a donation bin, call Jeni Futvoye at (805) 643-1446, ext. 108 or email jfutvoye@kidsandfamilies.org.