Backpack Drive for Quincy Area Children

"This initiative emphasizes the importance of education, defrays an additional cost faced by our clients, and helps kids start the year right." Quincy Interfaith Social Service

Once again, HCC's Board of Outreach is coordinating a Backpack Drive with Quincy's Interfaith Social Services (ISS). Our goal is to provide 25 children in need with school-ready backpacks to utilize during the upcoming 2021 -2022 academic school year. This fall, the demand is greater than ever due to many families suffering with economic instability due to COVID- related unemployment and children expected to bring all their own school supplies, (instead of sharing amongst classmates), to promote safety and wellness against variants of the flu and COVID.

There are two ways you can help this worthy cause:

- 1. By going to Staples, or a store of your choice and **providing a backpack with all the supplies** by Tuesday, July 20th, (preferrable). 17 "Backpacks should be generic and gender-neutral, if possible.
 - Items needed:
 - o 2 Spiral Notebooks
 - o 2 Composition Notebooks
 - o 3 Plastic Pocket Folders
 - o #2 Pencils (pack of 12, pre-sharpened)
 - o Colored Pencils (12 pack)
 - Washable Markers (8 or 10 pack)
 - o Crayons (16 or 24 pack)
 - o Glue Stick
 - o Pens (black or blue)
 - o 2 Highlighters



- 2. By making a donation, (suggestion \$50), to HCC earmarked, "ISS Backpack Drive."
 - We will make a one-time contribution from HCC to ISS to support the drive.

The Interfaith Social Services (<u>www.interfaithsocialservices.org</u>) is one of the many great local organizations that HCC supports. More specific information on this Backpack Drive can be found at: <u>Backpack Drive - Interfaith Social Services.</u>

The Backpack Drive kicks off our annual Outreach Calendar Year and is a very positive contribution to the local community. Please pray about this initiative.

Kindly drop off the Backpacks in the designated plastic bin on the Church Office front porch by Tuesday, July 20th. Thank you in advance for supporting children with basic educational tools essential for success!

The HCC Board of Outreach

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6