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ChildNet busy gathering school supplies for foster kids

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Broward County's foster care children are still in need of school supplies.

ChildNet is requesting backpacks, writing utensils, notebooks and other basic items for 1,100 children.

“It is very important that children who are less fortunate and without parents to do school supply shopping for them have somebody to do it for them,” said Sasheika Eugent, communications and public relations specialist for ChildNet.

The supply drive, in its 13th year, also helps students feel better starting the new school year, said Suzanne Baker, who organized the drive.

“It's important to help out because so many children need a fresh start for self-esteem and self-confidence,” she said. “Most kids in foster care or protective services lack those, and they should start school with new supplies like every other family and like other students.”

If you can help, drop supplies at ChildNet, 313 N. State Road 7 in Plantation through Aug. 27.

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