

First day of school...

It's an annual rite of passage in every life; a milestone to be celebrated as a brand *new year full of opportunity* awaits.

But for a child who shows up without the expected supplies,
it can be *a different story*.

Instead of engaging in excited conversations before the first bell rings,
some kids might wait off to the side, hands in their pockets.
Instead of feeling confident & equipped, some feel worried & unprepared.



Removing the obstacles to education...

By providing a backpack filled with the basic tools children need,
you can help give them a good start to the school year. It's a small thing,
to be sure, but the children who will receive these backpacks often have enough
obstacles to overcome.

Whether in the city or suburbs, many children live in communities that
struggle. *They face tremendous challenges every day*, and not just at school.

For example:

- Studies show that students from low-income backgrounds are already two years behind other students by the fourth grade. By their senior year of high school, poor and minority students are nearly four years behind.
- Environment also has an influence on children. Kids who are surrounded by adults with less education often have few role models for high achievement—in school or in life.

Hope allows a child to dream & imagine, not just survive

Opportunity is simply about giving a child a chance

Working together to fill a need...

Grace Chapel launches the 7th *Annual Backpack Drive* with the commitment to provide more than 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to children throughout the Boise area.

We invite you to participate

in equipping under-resourced children to start school with the basic tools they need for a great year. Your gift will be used by that child nearly every day for the next nine months, and the skills he or she will learn as they use those tools will last a lifetime.

Filling a backpack is a simple thing, but think of what it will mean to the child who receives it. When the teacher asks them to take out a pencil or paper, they won't have to shift nervously in their seat.

They'll show up on the first day of school feeling *equipped and prepared*,

ready to take on the challenges of another year of learning.



They'll have just what they need—because you supplied it.

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