





April 4, 2023

Greetings from the Stuff the Bus Erie & Huron Counties Committee! Each year we partner with local businesses, organizations, and community members to provide new backpacks and school supplies for local student in grades K-8. In addition to all school districts in Erie County, we also serve Monroeville, New London, South Central, Willard, and St. Francis Xavier in Huron County.

Last year we stuffed a record of 555 backpacks, and we are certain we will exceed that number this year. The success of this program is possible through the generous donations we receive each year from community partners like you!

There are three ways you can help!

- 1. Encourage your employees to collect and donate school supplies. You can collect various items or you can agree to fill non-gender backpacks with requested supplies.
- 2. Conduct a school supply drive at your business and encourage your customers and employees to get involved!
- 3. Make a monetary donation. Every dollar helps buy school supplies for families in need!

Thank you for supporting the future of our local kids by providing a fresh start to the upcoming school year!

With sincere gratitude,

Stuff the Bus Committee of Erie & Huron Counties Samantha Jeremay, Sara Godfrey and Heather Gilchrist Sandusky Mall, United Way of Erie County, and VacationLand Federal Credit Union

☐ YES! We are interested in hosting a collection site for our employees, clients, and/or customers from June 12 to August 4, 2023. Please provide our organization with shopping lists. Note: Collection boxes available upon request.

Choose one:

_____ Schedule a pick up at our business on Thursday, August 3 between the hours of ______.

_____ Schedule a pick up at our business on Friday, August 4 between the hours of ____

- We would like to make special arrangements. Please call us to discuss our idea/needs.
- □ **YES!** We are interested in supplying #_____ backpacks filled with school supplies! Please send us a shopping list.

Choose one:

We will have them ready for pickup on Thursday, August 3 or Friday, August 4. *Please indicate date and preferred time:*______

_____ We will drop them off at the Sandusky Mall office by noon on August 7, 2023.

□ YES! We will sponsor _____ completed backpacks at \$25 each. Our check is enclosed. (Please make your taxdeductible donation payable to the *United Way of Erie County* and write "school supplies" on the memo line.)

Please mail completed form and donations to VacationLand Federal Credit Union 2911 Hayes Ave. Sandusky, Ohio 44870, attention Heather Gilchrist. If your organization would like to be a drop-off site, you can also email the completed form to **hgilchrist@vlfcu.org.** If you have questions, please call Heather Gilchrist at 419.625.9025, ext. 1342 or Samantha Jeremay at 419.626.8575, ext.102.