



Stuff the Bus

We need your help!



April 10, 2026

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 the following Huron County districts: Bellevue, Monroeville, New London, South Central, Willard, St. Francis Xavier.

Last year we provided **780 backpacks**, and we expect to exceed that number this year with the rising cost of living. 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, Kevin Holloway, and Heather Gilchrist

Sandusky Mall, Sandusky Bay Kiwanis Community Service Corporation, and VacationLand Federal Credit Union

YES! We are interested in hosting a collection site for our employees, clients, and/or customers from June 15 to August 3, 2026. *Shopping lists will be provided, and collection boxes are available upon request. Choose pick up date below.*

OR

YES! We are interested in supplying #_____ backpacks filled with school supplies; please send us a shopping list.

Choose one:

- _____ Schedule a pick up at our business on Monday, August 3, between the hours of _____.
- _____ Schedule a pick up at our business on Tuesday, August 4, between the hours of _____.
- _____ We would like to make special arrangements. Please call us to discuss our idea or request.
- _____ We will drop them off at the Sandusky Mall office by 4:30pm on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Check here if you or your organization are interested in volunteering on August 5 and/or August 7 to help with inventory & stuffing backpacks. Tentative times are from 10:00am-2:00pm each day at the Sandusky Mall.

OR

YES! We will sponsor _____ completed backpacks at \$30 each. Our check is enclosed. Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to **the Sandusky Bay Kiwanis Community Service Corporation (EIN: 51-0185822)**

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

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.