

July 11: Backpack & School Supply Drive

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Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) hosts its third annual Backpack and School Supply Drive on Saturday, July 11 from 10 to 2 p.m. at the parking lot of Office Max at 44th St. and Thomas. The organization, which has been promoting self-esteem within and enriching the lives of the more than 17,000 children in Arizona foster care via the funding of activities, education and other needs since 1983, needs the help of generous citizens Valley wide to help support this special cause.

Last year, 700 backpacks were raised through AFFCF's drive efforts; the organization's current goal is to raise 1,500 new backpacks full of school supplies for the 2015-2016 school year.

In addition to backpacks, suggested new school supply donations include:

- Pens/Pencils/Highlighters
- Erasers
- Crayons/Colored Markers
- Paper/Notebooks
- Binders/Folders
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers
- Dictionaries/Thesauruses
- White-Out
- Calculators
- Flash Drives
- Alarm Clocks