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**FIFTEEN CHICAGO REAL ESTATE-RELATED COMPANIES TO BUILD HUNDREDS OF SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS, ASSEMBLY-LINE STYLE, FOR UNDERSERVED STUDENTS**

CHICAGO, July 2022 – Fifteen local real estate-related businesses (from areas such as architecture, engineering, construction, title, investment and management ) are partnering with Back 2 School America (B2SA), a Chicago-based national nonprofit that provides tens of thousands of underserved kids with free school supplies, to host an assembly-line style Build-A-Kit event at the Rauner Family YMCA on Thursday night, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

There, volunteers from each of the companies will compile over 1,700 kits from bulk school supplies and also write *notes of inspiration* to encourage recipients to achieve academically. Upon completion, the kits will be given to local YMCAs, to benefit children from low-income Chicago households, in an effort to meet the educational needs of those students and help improve their self-esteem.

Thursday night's event is part of B2SA's Build-A-Kit program, in which companies or groups purchase bulk school supplies from the non-profit and then build the kits... all in an effort to help underserved and marginalized students succeed in the classroom.

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**WHERE:** Rauner Family YMCA | 2700 S. Western Ave. | Chicago, IL 60608

**WHY:** B2SA's initiative provides essential supplies and resources to thousands of underserved students, in an effort to meet the educational needs of those students. The Back 2 School program has provided more than 300,000 children across the U.S. with their own school supply kit since its inception. The organization's long-term goal is to provide school supplies every year to as many of the 27 million+ students from low-income families in the U.S. as possible, so they can succeed in the classroom.

Gold Sponsors for Thursday night's event include Brookfield Asset Management, Guaranteed Rate, Lincoln Title, and Tishman Speyer. Silver sponsors include Belgravia Group, BKL Architecture, First American Title Insurance Company, LG Group, Maris Construction, McHugh Construction, Pioneer Engineering & Environmental Services, and Sullivan, Goulette & Wilson. Bronze sponsors include Creeklane Capital, Cushman & Wakefield, and GREC Architects.

To learn more, visit [www.B2SA.org](http://www.B2SA.org).

***About Back 2 School America (B2SA)***

*The Back 2 School program was launched in 2007 to address the pressing needs of communities and the inequities in educational opportunities for children. In 2015 the nonprofit changed its' name to Back 2 School Illinois (B2SI) to reflect the work of the organization. In the summer of 2018, B2SI expanded and launched Back 2 School America, to provide Back 2 School kits to children across the USA.*

*Today, Back 2 School America (B2SA) continues to provide children of low-income households with free school supplies to help level the playing field and lessen the financial burden on their families and teachers.*

*Since its inception, the Back 2 School program has provided more than 300,000 children with their own school supply kits. The organization's long-term goal is to make sure that all children in the USA are provided with the school supplies they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.*

*For more information and for details about upcoming events, please visit [www.b2sa.org](http://www.b2sa.org)*

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