July 2021 – Newsletter

The mission of Back 2 School Illinois is to create and support educational opportunities that enrich the lives of Illinois children.

Every $19 donation allows us to provide one more underserved child with their own Back 2 School supplies kit.

Donate Today !

Gala Tickets Are On Sale Now

Cocktail reception, silent auction, after-party, Build-A-Kit and so much more

This year's annual Gala on Thursday, September 23, will be an evening you won't want to miss. With a cocktail reception, wine pull, silent auction, and an after-party with live music from Hugo Band, it might just be the event of the season. To get your tickets and learn more about the festivities, including our Build-A-Kit or exciting auction items such as a custom-made bike courtesy Heritage Bicycles or a

private boat cruise for two on Lake Michigan, click on this link now.

Buy your Gala Tickets TODAY!

Hundreds of Volunteers

Help, volunteer, jump in and make a difference

We have so many exciting ways for you to get involved and make a difference in the coming months. On Wednesday, **August 11**, join us for one of our largest annual events—the Chicagoland Build-A-Kit and Distribution Event—and we need your help! This day-long event at the Rauner Family YMCA entails assembling 1,000 school supply kits and distributing thousands more to YMCAs throughout the city and suburbs as well as other community partners. On that day over 7,000 kits will be given out!

Chicagoland Volunteer Sign-Up

On Saturday, **August 14**, we are co-hosting another large Build-A-Kit and distribution event at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Held at the Don Moyers Boys & Girls Club for the second year, we will be building nearly 1,000 Back 2 School kits, which will be distributed to children from low-income families in Central Illinois. Please volunteer and join us!

U of I Volunteer Sign-up

Many volunteers will be needed at our annual Gala atGalleria Marchetti on Thursday, **September 23**. To help ensure the success of this much-anticipated event, we need volunteers to help with registration, silent auction, running our Build-A-Kit and more.

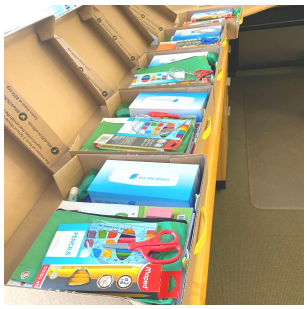
Gala Volunteer Sign-Up

Schedule Your Build-A-Kit or Buy-A-Kit

Two ways to put school supplies into kids' hands any time of the year

Did you know that our organization distributes kits year-round and not just during the traditional Back 2 School season? It just makes sense. School supplies are expendable. Pens, pencils, paper, erasers, and so on are the essentials needed for students to have the correct tools for their education.

That is why we continuously work with big companies, small businesses, organizations and individuals throughout the year to host Build-A-Kit events (a great team-building activity) and to purchase already assembled kits for distribution. Regardless of which direction you go, the bottom line is kids will end up with one of our Back 2 School kits.



Buy-A-Kit

Build-A-Kit

LGBT Community Coming Together to Build Kits

Join us in making rainbow smiles

We are gearing up for an exciting new partnership with theLGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois. On Friday, October 22, the LGBT Chamber will co-host a Build-A-Kit event at the Center on Halsted. Companies and individual teams can join in this team-building event to assemble kits for underprivileged children, write “Notes of Inspiration,” and compete to raise the most funds for families in need. This festive, music-filled event will conclude with an after-party, recognizing the hard work of all our volunteers.

Start a Fundraising Team | **Join a Fundraising Team** | **Become a Sponsor**

Sign up to join us!

Thousands of "Notes of Inspiration"

Write, create and inspire young students

With a summer filled with distributions of Back 2 School kits, we need help now more than ever to write “Notes of Inspiration”! Each of our signature Back 2 School kits includes one of these handwritten notes tucked inside. These words of encouragement inspire the children in our communities to reach for the stars, no matter what obstacles may be in their way. Please consider participating in our “Notes of Inspiration” program. Whether you want to write them on your own at home or as a part of a company event at the office, we’d love to have you help us out.

I want to join in and write "Notes of Inspiration"

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