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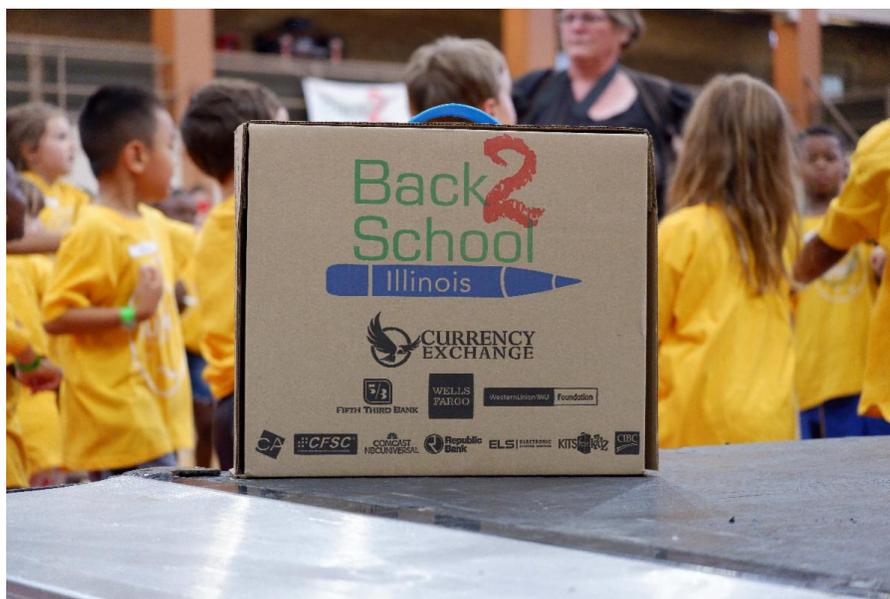


## January 2020 NEWSLETTER

For every \$18 dollar donation you will help in our ongoing work to supply underserved Illinois children with our signature Back 2 School supply kits throughout the school year.

**Donate Today!**

## 2019 Year-End Back 2 School Program Recap 2020 Sponsorship Opportunities Available



This past year of 2019 many exciting milestones took place with Back 2 School Illinois.

Did you know...over 33,320+ kits were distributed, containing over 1 million

school supplies! These accomplishments, along with so many others, are highlighted in our Back 2 School program recap book, which is over 150 pages and includes everything from our gala program book and press releases to kit distribution event summaries and photos.

## Sponsor Recap

... also if you are interested in becoming a 2020 Back 2 School program sponsor this year please click below.

## Program Sponsor

# Hugo Sonnenschein III Charitable Fund Scholarship 2018 Winner Gabriel Laniewski Speaks Out on First Year at Princeton



We always enjoy staying in touch with our college scholarship winners. Periodically, we like to share those letters so you can see how they are doing and the impact of their scholarship.

This update from Gabriel Laniewski, Hugo Sonnenschein III Charitable Fund Scholarship 2018 Winner came to us last month.

*Please thank Mr. Sonnenschein for funding this empowering scholarship. It helped me eliminate the student contribution I had, so I get to focus my time on my interests here at Princeton. There's a mountain of opportunities that it offers, and often times I feel strapped for time between classes, clubs, and sleep (haha). But I am enjoying my experience here, and I already learned so much in the first semester of school.*

*My classes consist of Multivariable Calculus, Engineering Physics, Computer Science: Data Structures and Algorithms, Writing Seminar: Living with AI, and*

*Freshman Seminar: Science Fiction in American and Soviet Literature. They are all interesting classes, but my favorite is the Computer Science class since it'll come handy in my internship this summer at Amazon. Not to mention that the professors at Princeton have meaningful contributions to the field, all of which we learn about in our class.*

*I am involved in a few clubs on campus, but I might join more time willing. Currently, I am the Freshman Representative for the QuestBridge Chapter at Princeton and a member of the Student Advisory Board for the Council for Science and Technology. I am also a member of PAVE, Princeton Autonomous Vehicle Engineering, where we'll compete in the US Dept. of Transportation competition for designing better models of commute for the mobility disadvantaged. I am most excited about my work in this club since I want to eventually run a Mobility as a Service startup dealing with autonomous vehicles in urban areas.*

*The campus here is beautiful, which you can see from the picture below :). (Apologies for the lack of college gear. I don't have a Princeton sweater yet.)*

*Thank you, Gabriel Laniewski '23*

Applications for our 2020 Scholarship Program are available now!

**Apply for B2SI College Scholarship**

**New and exciting things in store for our  
10th Year Anniversary Gala**  
Save the Date for May 7, 2020



It's here. Our 10th Anniversary year has started and there is a whole lot in store including the Gala on May 7 at the Galleria Marchetti. This year promises to be very special in that we are revamping the evening with many exciting changes. We are extending the open bar, adding a dinner buffet so you'll have more food options, increasing the size and variety of silent auction items, and adding mobile bidding (and pre-gala bidding on select items). Plus, we are bringing back and expanding the popular wine pull. After 2 hours of cocktails, food and the silent auction, we will have a 45-minute program in the atrium with some incredible and

inspiring guests.

Following the program, we'll host an After Party with live music, a dessert and coffee bar, specialty drinks and more. Tickets go on sale toward the beginning of February. Mark your calendars now—you won't want to miss it!

Also, this year is the first year we are be giving companies the opportunity to assist in supporting the event with Gala-specific sponsorships. For more information, please contact Steven Sartin at [stevensartin@b2si.org](mailto:stevensartin@b2si.org).



## Donations of Products & Services Drive Growth & Value

Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation Partnership Enhances Kits



Financial contributions are essential to the success of our organization, but we also derive many contributions in the form of donated products and services. One of our long-time valued partnerships is with the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, which each year provides us with dental hygiene supplies to include in the Back 2 School kits we give to homeless children through the Chicago Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS). The 1,500 kits we give to DFSS are loaded with school supplies but also hygiene supplies such as soap, shampoo and deodorant. Each year we are also able to include dental floss, a toothbrush and toothpaste through the generosity of the Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation.

If you know of a company, organization or individual who could donate hygiene products, photography services, touch-screen tablets, food/beverages (for events),

printing services, or a copy machine... please let us know.

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