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In New York City, nearly **23,000** students are homeless, and one of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it can have on a child's education.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of hundreds of corporate partners and thousands of individual donors and volunteers, **18,000+** children living in New York City's homeless and domestic violence shelters began their school year with a new backpack full of every grade-specific supply they could possibly need.

This year, we anticipate requests for more than 18,000 backpacks. To help ensure that no child goes without, we need your help. This vital, city-wide campaign wouldn't exist without the support of partners like you.

There are a variety of ways for you to contribute to this year's **Operation Backpack®** campaign. Learn how below!



Meet Didi, a young man who was directly impacted by Operation Backpack®. Your contributions can make a huge difference in the life of a child who is homeless.

How to Get Involved in Operation Backpack® 2018:

1. Donate cash or fundraise. [Visit our fundraising website](#) to donate directly to the campaign, or build your own fundraising team by inviting your friends, family and colleagues to support your efforts.

2. Organize a drive or "adopt" a product. If you are in the position to donate a large amount of product (school supplies), contact Andrew Zibell at azibell@voa-gny.org or (212) 496-4307, or [visit our website to learn more](#). Some quantities of supplies have already been donated in full, including 7,500 dictionaries from **HarperCollins Publishers**, 2,334 fine line washable markers from **Bank of New York Mellon**, and 3,120 geometry kits from **21st Century Fox**.

3. Fill a backpack (or two!) with school supplies from [these lists](#), and place your donations at one of our [Official Drop Locations](#) July 9 through August 3. For any bulk donations, please contact Andrew Zibell at azibell@voa-gny.org.

4. Spread the word! Let your friends, family and coworkers know how they can help New York City's homeless students succeed. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#). Don't forget to use the hashtag **#OperationBackpackNYC**.

Help guarantee that every child who needs one receives a new, full backpack this year!

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