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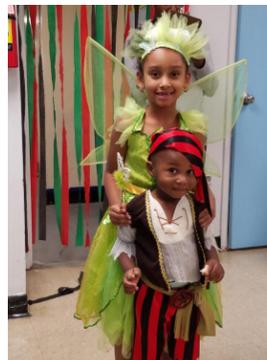
This year, nearly 2,000 volunteers visited the Operation Backpack® Sort Space to fill and prepare 20,000 backpacks for children living in New York City's homeless and domestic violence shelters. We were able to fulfill every shelter request in time for the first day of school!

We couldn't do it without the unparalleled support of our official sponsors, corporate partners, families, and individuals, who came back to volunteer several times and always took on arduous tasks with a smile! Our generous donors from New York City and beyond helped ensure that no child has to go without. Please take a moment and [view our photo gallery](#) and a [video](#) that features some of the children who benefited from your generosity.

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October Volunteer Opportunities

Consider holding a drive to collect new costumes or host a Halloween party at one of our family shelters. Get into the spirit of fall with these [volunteer opportunities!](#)



Paying it Forward: How One Volunteer's Past Inspired Her to Give

Giselle was compelled to volunteer at Operation Backpack® since she also experienced homelessness as a child. [Read her story.](#)



Save the Date for A New York Winter's Eve

Our annual Gala, *A New York Winter's Eve*, which will be held at The Plaza on December 3, is our largest and most important fundraiser of the year.

We are looking for special items to feature in our live and silent auctions. Past auction items include leather jackets donated by John Varvatos and Theory, four Legends Suite tickets to a Yankees Game, and house seats to *Hamilton*. If you're able to make a contribution, please [reach out to Andrew Zibell.](#)



On the Issues: The Impact of Homelessness on Education

How does being homeless impact the children experiencing it? [Learn more](#) in this article from our on-staff expert, Noelle Withers, Assistant Vice President of NYC Housing Services.



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