



Help us buy backpacks and school supplies for deserving area students. It is just small way we can all get them off to a great start!

In 2012 Rotarians, their families and community members filled over 1,400 backpacks. TCAPS staff and community members help Rotarians give away stuffed and ready backpacks to students before school resumes. Additionally the Goodwill Inn receives an allocation as do several other local agencies to meet their client needs.



Our thanks to past major donors

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We also thank the countless individuals who have provided personal donations in support of this project.

Also Our Appreciation to:

- TCAPS building and support staff
- TBAISD administrative staff



**Getting Students
Off to a Great Start in
School**

In Cooperation with



Through your donation, you can help supply backpacks for kids that deserve the right start:

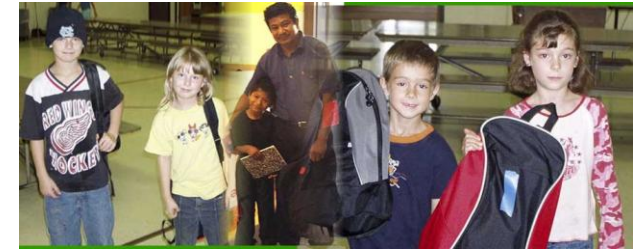
- ◆ Make a tax-deductible personal or corporate donation.
- ◆ Inspire our students to succeed
- ◆ Support our families and schools



We are not just giving away backpacks. Join us in showing kids that we all believe they can succeed.



A well-stocked backpack does more than just prepare kids with many of the tools they'll need in the classroom; it boosts their eagerness to go back to school. And when presented a gift from a Rotarian, a community volunteer or a school principal, the student realizes that others want to succeed.



What is Backpacks for Kids about?

Did you know that in each year there are over 400 homeless students in the TCAPS school system – and over 2,000 students on lunch assistance programs?

To help ensure these deserving students start their school year on the right foot, we launched the Backpacks for Kids program. Since program inception in 2004, over 13,000 new backpacks with school supplies have been distributed to K – 5 students.

How did it start?

The Traverse Bay Sunrise Rotary wanted to create a “Signature Project” to benefit our community. A club member had been involved with a similar effort in Shawnee, OK and suggested we take a look at it. We learned we had great need within TCAPS, and launched *Backpacks for Kids*. Each year the project costs about \$20,000 funded by essential donors like you.

Learn more at www.tcsunriserotary.org

Yes! I/we are pleased to support Backpacks for Kids with a gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$125 \$250 Other

Name(s) _____

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For In-Kind donations we will pick them up or advise on shipping.

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