



Thank you for helping make this year's Back-to-School Program such a powerful success. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide **288 children across WINGS programs with backpacks filled with school supplies**—along with 185 lunch kits, 300 reusable water bottles, and countless extras that brought both relief and joy to families preparing for a new school year. We were even able to give some water bottles and extras out to parents and older siblings in need, making sure the whole family felt supported!

One moment that will stay with us came when a little boy, about 8 years old, tried on backpack after backpack before settling on the “perfect” one. He was ecstatic as he explained why it was “not too big, not too small, with extra pockets and a place for his water bottle.” Then, suddenly, he stopped and asked, **“Where did you get all of this?”**

That question carried so much innocence—and so much wonder. In that moment, **he realized that people he may never meet had come together to believe in him and in his future.** Your support created that sense of belonging, dignity, and pride.

This year, our community of donors, partners, and organizations – including: Colliers, TOPS Products, ATS Life Sciences, We are Creed, Mary Seat of Wisdom, Holy Family Catholic Community, Schaumburg AM Rotary Club, F3 Northwest Highway (with a special thank you to Rob S. and his family), Schaumburg/Hoffman Rotary Club, and so many individual WINGS supporters – made it possible. **Every single backpack, lunch kit, school supply, and water bottle reminded a child that they are not alone, that their dreams matter, and that an entire community is standing behind them.**

Thank you for making this school year brighter, more hopeful, and filled with possibility for WINGS families. **You help make moments like this possible.**

With deep gratitude,

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