## ACTION VC

# **BACKPACKS WITH HEART**

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**

Project Type: School Children

Age Requirements: 5+ with guardian help

**Details:** We want to help low-income and foster families in Ventura County who struggle to afford school supplies that need to be frequently replenished. As we enter a new school year, we are asking the community to show our neighbors some love by gifting them with backpacks stocked with necessary school supplies. Please commit to stocking at least one backpack, however the more the better!

#### WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Access to any store where school supplies are sold in your area (e.g. Walmart, Target, Staples, Office Depot, Amazon, etc.)
- The supply list provided

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT KIT**

- Pre-Project & Reflection Questions
- Project Steps
- School Supply List

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### **PROJECT STEPS**

- Get a group together and go shopping with the list provided
- We have prepared an Amazon List you can find by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the supply list.
- Have fun packing the bags together
- If you are doing this project with your family or a group, utilize pre-project and reflection questions to start a discussion about caring for our VC families!
- Deliver the backpacks on time!
  - Drop off the filled backpacks at the ACTION VC office before August 1th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm so we can distribute them to kids in need.
  - If you cannot make it to the office at this time, please contact Zarisbeth at Zarisbeth.Soto@actionvc.org to arrange another drop-off time

## **PRE-PROJECT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Why is it important to care about our neighbors in need?
- What challenges would a lack of appropriate supplies pose for the education of our county's children?

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- What other ways can we help support our families in need around the county?
- What are some resources that you have that others might not and how would it impact you to live without them?
- In what ways can we help make Ventura County a community where we care for each other and truly bear one another's burdens?

#### **#LOVEVC2023**

**Share your act of kindness!** We love seeing photos of your volunteering, and it helps promote our work to get others involved! If you tag us @action\_vc and use **#LoveVC2023**, your photo will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift card!

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### **EXAMPLE OF SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- STURDY, FULL-SIZE BACKPACK (PREFERABLY IN A SOLID COLOR)
- PENCIL CASE
- NO. 2 PENCILS
- BLACK AND/OR BLUE PENS
- ERASERS
- PENCIL SHARPENER
- SAFETY SCISSORS
- GLUE STICKS X2
- 3-RING BINDER & DIVIDERS
- SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS X5
- COLORED PENCILS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- RULER
- PROTRACTOR





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