



PROJECT START RIGHT

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHILDREN IN NEED

For many children in Clackamas County back-to-school is not a happy time. Their families cannot afford supplies they need. Children are embarrassed that they are the only ones without supplies. They want to be "just like the other kids".

Some of the children are from families living in poverty, and others are in foster care. Try to imagine being the only child in the classroom without basic supplies! We believe project **START RIGHT** gives them a chance to be accepted by their peers and ready to learn.

Please consider helping us again this year by donating funds, new school supplies, and/or your time. Last year's project distributed 'basic back-to-school' packets to about 14,000 children.



Packing supplies into backpacks distribution



Packs stacked by grades



Packs delivered to Clackamas County for

This year's project is sponsored by Prince of Life Lutheran Church, area churches, and Oregon Department of Human Services.

*Your entire **cash** donation will be used to purchase supplies. Early donations help us buy at the best prices.*

*A tax-deductible **receipt will be provided.***

To donate funds: Make checks payable to **START RIGHT** and mail to:

START RIGHT
PO Box 952
Oregon City, OR 97045

2017/2018 school year donations are requested by 12:00 noon on August 11, 2017.

Donations will be received 9:00 am to 12:00 noon **July 31st to August 4th and August 7th to 11th 2017**

For more information,

E-mail startrightcc@gmail.com or call 971-673-7388

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Questions and Answers

1. Q: Who receives these supplies that I donate?

A: The school supply packets are distributed to children of low-income families and children in foster care throughout Clackamas County. The project serves children from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

2. Q: Who is sponsoring the project?

A: The project is a partnership between Prince of Life Lutheran Church, area churches and Oregon Department of Human Services. .

3. Q: How many children are helped through this project?

A: Last year the program helped about 1400 children with basic school supplies.

4. Q: Is my donation tax deductible?

A: Yes! All cash donations are tax deductible, and receipts will be provided. We also recommend keeping your shopping receipts for supplies for your tax records, as these are tax deductible.

5. Q: How do I know these families are really in need?

A: All referrals come from agency case managers who verify need. Our project also supports the outstanding efforts of foster parents and low-income grandparents raising grandchildren.

6. Q: Can I give the supplies directly to the child?

A: We're sorry but, for obvious reasons, we must carefully protect the privacy of our children.

7. Q: How much of my cash donation goes to administrative costs?

A: Not one penny. All donations go directly to the school supplies for the children. All of the project workers volunteer their time; even the cost of mailing has been donated.

8. Q: What is the cost of the basic supplies?

A: The cost of an average school supplies packet is at least \$50.00. Our volunteers are very careful to seek the best prices on all items, and some businesses have also offered discounts.

9. Q: What is needed?

A: A complete list is available on the enclosed START RIGHT brochure. Our goal is to provide each child with a "starter kit" of his/her "very own."

10. Q: Do you want cash or supplies?

A: Either type of donation is welcome. Please donate in the way that is most comfortable for you. Early cash donations help us buy at the best prices.

11. Q: May I share this request with others who may wish to donate?

A: Yes! Email startrightcc@gmail.com and we will send them a packet like this.

School Supplies for Children in Need

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You can help with a tax deductible

Donation or New supplies as:

- 3 ring binders (1 inch)
- Notebook paper
- Backpacks
- Scientific Calculators
- Basic Calaulators
- Felt markers
- Pencil boxes
- Crayons (24 count box)
- Scissors
- Pocket folders
- Spiral notebooks
- Colored pencils
- Erasers
- Rulers (12 inch)
- Math sets (Compass & Protrator)
- White glue
- Glue sticks
- Ball point pens
- #2 pencils
- Highlighters
- Composition book