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Entrepreneurs Foundation 2011 Education Initiative

DO ONE THING
To Support Academic Success

You Can Do It! Choose one thing from the options below and get started today!

Back-to-School Supplies for Students

Make a difference for local youth in need by participating in the **Family Giving Tree** Back-to-School Backpack Drive each summer.

In the Greater Bay Area, 239,955 children qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program (Title I). At-Risk children who start the year off prepared are more likely to be confident and feel included in the community, which in turn helps them to learn.

Family Giving Tree distributes donated backpacks to agencies and schools all over the Greater Bay Area for children enrolled in the Free/Reduced Lunch Programs at their schools. Click [here](#) for a list of registered organizations.

- Hold a **backpack drive** during July or August and help at-risk kids [click here to register online](#)
- Click [here](#) for more **giving options** including:
 - Buy a backpack through Family Giving Tree's [online store](#)
 - Become a Back-to-School Drive [Sponsor](#)
 - Make a [monetary donation](#) to help fund the Back-to-School Drive
- Click [here](#) to learn about **volunteer activities**



Back-to-School Supplies for Students

[Shelter Network](#)'s Back-to-School Backpack Drive helps homeless families have the school supplies their children need.

Shelter Network helps more than 1400 children of all ages each year. One third of those they serve are children, and many are experiencing homelessness for the first time.

For more information, including a list of supplies needed, contact Lynnelle Bilsey at 650-685-5880 x125 or lbilsey@shelternetwork.org.

[Sunnyvale Community Services](#) conducts a School Supply Drive to help low-income and homeless families.

Sunnyvale as one of the two fastest growing poverty areas in the county. 27% of the city's 140,000 population falls equally into extremely low, very low, and just plain low income categories.

For more information, including a list of supplies needed, contact My-Dung Tran at 408-738-4298 or mtran@svcommunityservices.org.

Back-to-School Supplies for the Classroom

Your gift to Resource Area for Teaching [RAFT](#) has a positive impact on education year-round.

With recent cutbacks to state-funded educational programs and newly mandated science testing, teachers need RAFT more than ever. Your contribution allows RAFT to underwrite teachers' costs and serve thousands of members each year, improving education in schools and community programs across the Bay Area.

RAFT resources and services are available for pre-K-12 teachers and community group leaders. If you teach in a classroom, licensed childcare or in a community program, you're eligible to [join RAFT](#). Low-cost day-use and membership options are available.

- Hold a **Classroom Supplies Drive**, click [here](#) for more information and resources including a list of suggested items for a new classroom supplies drive
- Click [here](#) for information on how to **make a monetary donation** to RAFT including on-line donations. Be sure to include your company name in the "How did you hear about RAFT?" field.
- Click [here](#) for **volunteer activities**



Back-to-School Clothing Drive for Children

Help [My New Red Shoes](#) outfit 2,500 Bay Area children for the first day of school.

Join My New Red Shoes in its mission to empower homeless and very low-income youth to succeed in school by providing them with brand new clothing so that they may greet the school year with pride and by educating and rallying the youth community around the needs of homeless children.

My New Red Shoes supports qualified organizations located in the San Francisco Bay Area. Click [here](#) for a list of social service agencies working with My New Red Shoes to identify children in need of clothing and distribute donations.

- Sign up to be a "Clothing for Confidence Champion" and hold a workplace **funds drive**. Click [here](#) to get started.
- Click [here](#) to **donate** online
- Click [here](#) for **volunteer opportunities**

