

## It's summer time but we are thinking about School Supplies!



Summer is in full swing, but Tri-Lakes Cares is already starting its annual school supplies drive, striving to ensure that every child in our community is fully prepared for school. By providing students with these tools, we help equip them to gain the education for their future success. **Last year**, with the help of generous donations from our supporters, TLC provided required supplies for **over 135 students!**

There are many ways to help! Here are some ideas:

- ✍ Host a collection bin at your location to encourage your patrons to participate in the collection drive! We can provide you with an official TLC bin and needs lists, and we can even pick up the bin from you when it's full!
- ✍ Sponsor a child's supply list – we provide supplies to all District 38 schools. You can pick up a supply list from a school's website or from local grocery stores and fill a backpack with the items requested.
- ✍ Make a monetary donation to the School Supply Program. We make sure that every kid has ALL the supplies they need so we purchase the supplies that are not donated from the community.
- ✍ Pick up a few extra items for TLC when you're doing your own Back-To-School shopping! You can even get your kids to pick out some items that they would like to donate to their peers.
- ✍ Spread the word! Even if you can't donate to the program, you can tell your friends and neighbors about the collection drive. Please like Tri-Lakes Cares on Facebook and share our posts about the School Supply Drive!

**Donations can be dropped off by August 4th** at Tri-Lakes Cares (235 Jefferson Street) Mondays and Thursdays 12-3 pm and 6-8 pm, or you could call ahead to arrange a time that works for you!

Contact the Program Manager at (719) 481-4864 x 106 or via email at [programmanager@tri-lakescares.org](mailto:programmanager@tri-lakescares.org) for more information.

All supplies are welcome, but here's a list of the most requested items:

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| Binders                         | Notebooks                                    |
| Colored Pencils 12 pack         | Paper Towels                                 |
| Composition Notebooks           | Pencil Boxes                                 |
| Crayons 24 count                | Pencil Pouches                               |
| Dry Erase Markers               | Pencils #2                                   |
| Erasers                         | Pens – black, blue, red                      |
| Facial Tissue                   | Plastic Folders                              |
| Glue Sticks & Bottles           | Rulers                                       |
| Hand Sanitizers – alcohol based | Scissors                                     |
| Highlighters                    | Watercolor Paint Sets                        |
| Markers                         | Wipes – bleach and fragrance free            |
| Notebook Paper Refills          | Ziplock Bags – gallon, quart, sandwich/snack |

