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Sunnyvale Community Services wants students to be Ready to Learn

Nonprofit aims to collect 2,500 backpacks for local K-12 students



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Nicolas Acosta, 11, left, and his cousin, Axl Jimenez, 8, pick up backpacks and school supplies at Sunnyvale Community Services' (SCS) backpack distribution event last July. SCS is accepting donations through Aug. 1 for this year's Ready-to-Learn program, with the goal of providing 2,500 low-income K-12 students with backpacks of their choice and school supplies.



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Ready to Learn

Sunnyvale Community Services is aiming to collect 2,500 backpacks for local K-12 students by Aug. 1. The annual Ready to Learn Program is designed to ensure that low-income students start the school year equipped with new backpacks and supplies.

The goal for this year's drive is 1,000 backpacks for K-4 students and 1,500 backpacks for students in grades 5-12. For the former group, character backpacks like Disney and superheroes are the most popular. Among the latter group, plain-colored backpacks in black, gray and blue are highly requested, with Jansport being the preferred brand.

New backpacks can be delivered or shipped directly to Sunnyvale Community Services, 1160 Kern Ave. Donations can be dropped off Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4 p.m.

To make a monetary donation, visit <https://svcommunityservices.org/donate-online>

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