

Addressing Healthcare and Educational Disparities for Local Elementary Students

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My organization, VOICES, held our annual back-to-school bash on August 10, 2024 in the form of a drive-through school supplies event. Through the grant provided to us from AMWA as well as other sources of funding, we were able to purchase enough school supplies to fill over 250 backpacks. These school supplies included pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, pencil bags, folders, notebooks, and hygiene kits. These items were purchased based on community need. Additionally, we were able to distribute physical activity and sports items such as jump ropes, volleyballs, basketballs, and footballs. By the end of the drive-through event, we were able to give away over 200 backpacks and any remaining backpacks were subsequently donated to local elementary schools. Attached to this email will be pictures of the event which include packing and distribution of the supplies.

