

## Mission

*Investing in a child's future  
through "first day"  
school supplies*

The Tuscaloosa Backpack Coalition was formed to provide backpacks and school supplies to students with the most need in Tuscaloosa City and County Schools. Many partners in this Coalition have provided backpacks & school supplies to area students for the past 10 years or more. By pooling our physical, financial, intellectual and influential resources together we can service more of the need in our community while minimizing duplication.

*"Studies do show, if you show up on that first day prepared, then you fare better throughout the year," Pam Rogers said. "If you were a kid and you didn't have a backpack, would you want to go to school on the first day?"*

*Audrey Ellis, social services coordinator for Tuscaloosa City Schools, said "some students don't go to school because they can't afford the supplies."*

*"In the past, we've had kids that did not come to school because they did not have school supplies," Ellis said. "The work of the Backpack Coalition has really helped increase attendance."*

The Tuscaloosa News



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To Donate, Make Checks Payable to:

Hope For My City

2505 Jefferson St

Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

Or you can give online through paypal at  
[tuscaloosabackpackcoalition.com/donate.html](https://tuscaloosabackpackcoalition.com/donate.html)



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# School Supply Drive

The Tuscaloosa Backpack Coalition partners will be providing school supplies for students in Tuscaloosa area schools for the 2015-2016 school year

Please help us by donating items that will be given to students who have a need for supplies in both Tuscaloosa City and County School Systems

\* \* \* Here are some examples of items needed \* \* \*

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| #2 Pencils & Sharpeners   | College Ruled filler Paper & Spirals |
| Crayons (24 ct) & (8ct)   | Mead Composition Books               |
| Glue Sticks & Bottles   | Index Cards                          |
| Pocket Folders with Brads and without   | Pens- Black, Blue and Red            |
| Washable Markers  | Wide Ruled Paper                     |
| Highlighters  | Color Pencils                        |
| Rulers  | Mechanical Pencils                   |
| Graphing Paper  | 3-Ring Binders                       |
| Scientific Calculators  | Backpacks (all styles)               |
| Hygiene Items: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Dental Floss, Sanitary Napkins |                                      |

Collection of Supplies will run through July 29th, 2015  
**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT!**

For a list of Tuscaloosa Backpack Coalition Community Partners go to [www.tuscaloosabackpackcoalition.com](http://www.tuscaloosabackpackcoalition.com)



## APPLES FOR EDUCATION

Now collecting (7/9-7/26)  
Donations & Supplies  
University Mall  
Center Court  
<http://university-mall.com>

## Chick-fil-A and B101.7 FM

**"It ALL ADDS UP"**

**School Supply Drive**

**Both North and South  
Chick-fil -A restaurants will  
compete to raise money and  
supplies July 21st-24th.**

For more info

[cfarestaurant.com/northport/home](http://cfarestaurant.com/northport/home)  
[b1017online.com/](http://b1017online.com/)  
[chick-fil-a.com/tuscaloosasouth](http://chick-fil-a.com/tuscaloosasouth)

## Backpack Distribution

On Saturday Aug1st, we will be distributing the school supplies in various locations in the city and the county