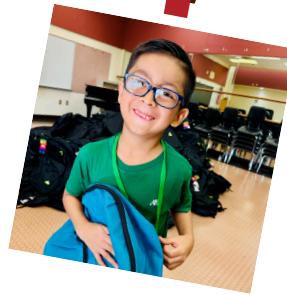




EDUCATION
FOUNDATION
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

2025 Impact Report



Together with Wycliffe Charities, we're thrilled to share our 2025 Backpack Impact Report — a celebration of partnership, purpose, and the lives changed because of your generosity.

Your continued generosity and belief in our mission help ensure every child starts the school year prepared to learn and thrive. Thank you for turning pencils into possibilities for thousands of students who need it most!



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Our Mission

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County is the nexus of Palm Beach County's public-school system, the private sector, and the community. The Education Foundation facilitates student achievement by supporting high-quality public education through partnerships, grants, events, and public awareness



Through the shared belief that every child deserves equal access to education, Wycliffe Charities has helped transform this vision into reality across Palm Beach County classrooms.

Every student deserves a classroom where opportunity isn't defined by zip code. Yet, teachers across the country continue to bridge the gap with their own wallets. According to the U.S. Department of Education, 94% of public school teachers purchase classroom supplies with no reimbursement.

Here in Palm Beach County, teachers reported spending more than **\$800** out of pocket each year before gaining access to Red Apple Supplies, the Education Foundation's free teacher resource store.

Thanks to community partners like Wycliffe Charities, those same teachers now walk into their classrooms equipped with essential tools, and renewed hope. In a recent survey, **84%** of teachers said their students now learn in a more equitable environment because of the resources they receive through Red Apple Supplies.

When a teacher doesn't have to choose between buying pencils or paying bills, students thrive, and entire classrooms change.



As we reflect on this year's Backpack Initiative, we're filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity of our sponsors, donors, partners, and volunteers.

Because of Wycliffe Charities' commitment, more than **30,500** students across **48** Title I schools started the school year prepared to learn — each backpack filled with the tools and confidence needed for success.

This year's efforts were powered by over **600** volunteers, who dedicated more than **2,000** hours to make a lasting impact in our classrooms and community. Together, we're not just providing school supplies — we're opening doors to opportunity, hope, and possibility. It's more than just a backpack.

Supplies represent belonging, empowerment, and equity — giving every student a fair chance to learn and every teacher the resources to inspire.

Thank you, Wycliffe Charities, for helping turn preparation into possibility and ensuring every child feels ready when the bell rings.



600+
Volunteers
*Gave their time
and energy*



2,000+
Hours
*Dedicated to
making a difference*



30,500+
Backpacks Filled
*Packed with
essential supplies*



48 Title I
Schools Served
*Reaching students
who need it most*

Every backpack delivered tells a story of partnership in action.

2025 Impact Video



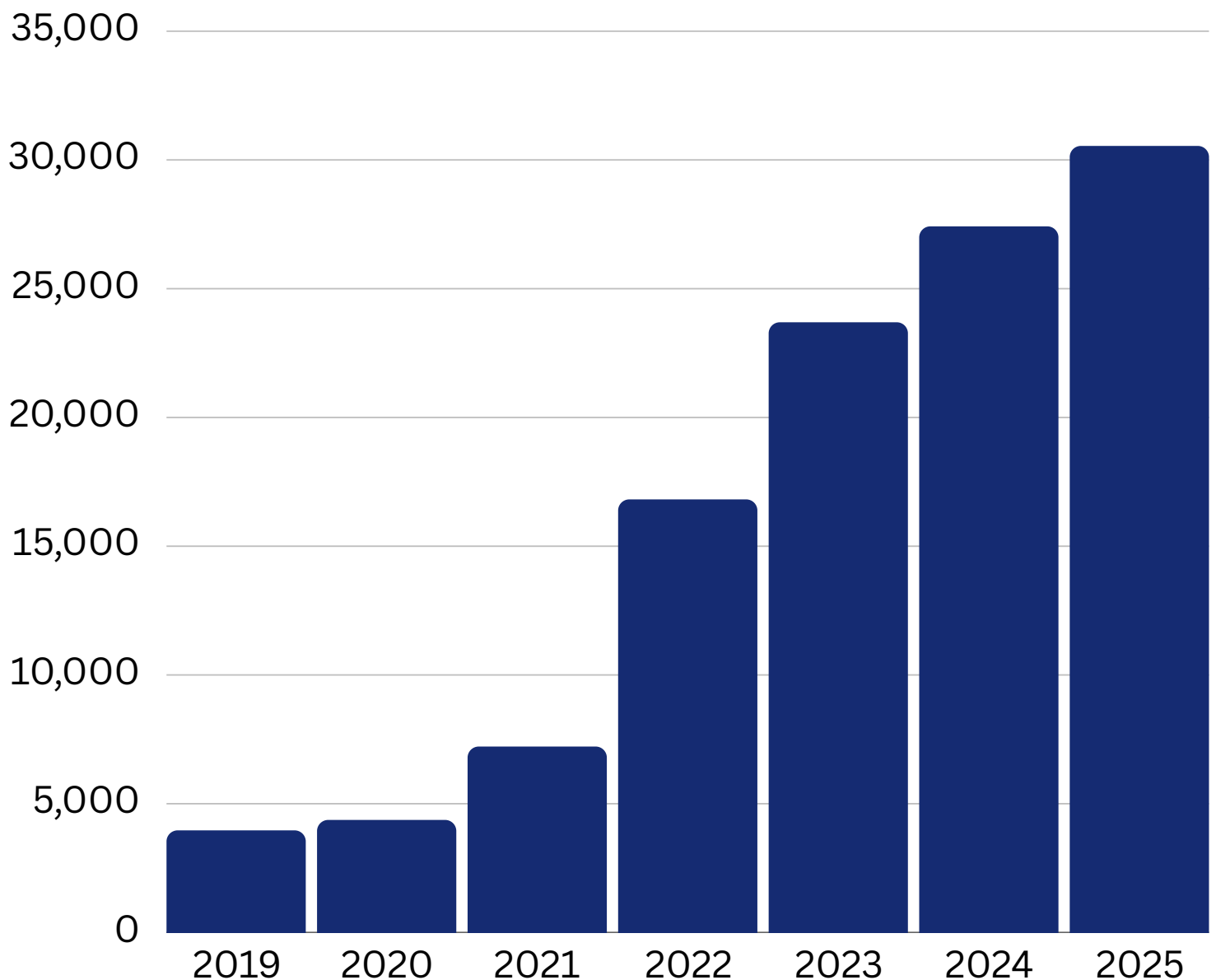
Scan to see your impact in action—photos, stories, and more from our Back-to-School & Backpack Initiative!



As we celebrate the progress made over the past six years, we're reminded that lasting change is built through partnership. Together with Wycliffe Charities and our community, we've equipped tens of thousands of students with the tools to learn, grow, and thrive.

Looking ahead, our mission remains clear — to ensure every student in Palm Beach County has access to a high-quality education. With your continued support, we're ready to reach even more classrooms, empower more teachers, and build brighter futures for every child.

● Number of Students Received Backpacks



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When we started the backpack initiative seven years ago, we handed out 2,500 bags. This year, our goal was 30,000 — and we filled 30,543! It’s a sobering statistic that nearly 40,000 children in Palm Beach County live below the poverty line and will return to school without basic supplies like pencils, backpacks, and glue sticks.

A backpack filled with supplies is one of the simplest solutions to inequity in the classroom — but it’s more than that. It provides hope, motivation, and opportunity for a child.

Thanks to the generosity of partners like Wycliffe Charities, we’re not just filling backpacks — we’re filling futures with possibility.



James Gavrilos
President and CEO
Education Foundation of Palm Beach County

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The ripple effect of Wycliffe Charities’ generosity is felt daily in classrooms across Palm Beach County. Here’s what teachers and families had to say...

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Seeing my students walk in on the first day with full backpacks and bright smiles sets the tone for the entire year. They feel confident and prepared — and that changes everything.

— Ms. Rivera, 2nd Grade Teacher
Berkshire Elementary

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This program eases a huge burden. Teachers want to give every child the same start, but it’s hard when supplies are limited. These backpacks level the playing field for all of my students.

— Mr. Thompson, 5th Grade Teacher
Rosenwald Elementary

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When my students opened their backpacks, the excitement was contagious. They compared pencils and notebooks like treasures. It reminded me why community support matters so much.

— Ms. Nguyen, Kindergarten Teacher
Pine Grove Elementary

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As a single parent, back-to-school time is stressful. Getting a backpack filled with everything my daughter needs lifted such a weight off my shoulders, and she couldn’t stop smiling.

— Maria L., Parent of 4th Grader
Pioneer Park Elementary

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Across newsletters, social media, and event signage, Wycliffe Charities reached an estimated audience of over 30,000 community members.

Building Backpacks, Building Futures *EFPBC Article*

Thank You to our 2025 Backpack Sponsors

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2025 Back-to-School Campaign *EFPBC Backpack Webpage*



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to View



Pack the Future: Support Students This School Year EFPBC Newsletter

Every Gift. Every Backpack. Every Pencil.
Puts hope in a student's hands.



Back-to-School Countdown Starts Now!

School may not be in session, but the work to prepare students for success is already in full swing.

For thousands of children in Palm Beach County, the path to a strong school year begins with someone like **you**—someone who cares enough to ensure no student walks into class empty-handed or unprepared.

Can you imagine a classroom filled with excitement, confidence, and belonging—because **every child has the supplies they need to succeed from day one**?

This summer, we need your help to make that vision a reality. Together, we're aiming to pack and deliver **30,000 backpacks** to students in **48 high-need Palm Beach County public schools**.

Each \$25 donation provides one student with a new backpack filled with essential supplies—equipping them for a year of learning, growth, and confidence. But the impact doesn't stop there. Your generosity also lightens the load for our hardworking teachers, who so often purchase supplies out of their own pockets.

3 SIMPLE WAYS TO POWER A STUDENT'S FIRST DAY

PURCHASE A FILLED BACKPACK



Give today to help supply students and support classrooms across Palm Beach County. Every dollar goes directly toward tools for learning.

MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION

HOST A SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Partner your coworkers, friends, or faith group to collect supplies for students in need. It's an easy and impactful way to give back.

START A SUPPLY DRIVE

JOIN OR START A FUNDRAISING TEAM



Start a custom team page to raise funds with coworkers or friends. Share your link and see the impact grow with every donation.

START OR JOIN A FUNDRAISING TEAM

2025 BACKPACK SPONSORS



Sent July 16, 2025
Sent to 9,797 Constituents
96% Deliverability

30,543 Reasons to Smile This School Year! EFPBC Newsletter

Thank You

Because of You: 30,543 Backpacks,
48 Schools, Thousands of Smiles



Because of you, the first day of school felt like a celebration.

This summer, our community came together in a big way—packing, delivering, and placing into students' hands more than 30,000 backpacks filled with essential supplies for success. These reached 48 Title I public schools across Palm Beach County, touching thousands of young lives.

From corporate teams to community volunteers, delivery drivers to school staff, YOU made sure every student walked into the classroom confident, prepared, and ready to learn.

The Journey

Over 1,000 volunteer hours went into carefully packing each backpack with pencils, notebooks, crayons, and care. Partner drivers and delivery crews fanned out across the county to get supplies to schools ahead of the first bell. Finally, during "Meet the Teacher" events, board members, sponsors, and community leaders personally placed backpacks into students' hands—sharing smiles, encouragement, and the excitement of a new year.

[See the full story and photos](#)

By the Numbers

300+ Volunteers
Gave their time and energy

1,000+ Hours
Dedicated to making a difference

30,500+ Backpacks Filled
Packed with essential supplies

48 Title I Schools Served
Reaching students who need it most

Spotlight Stories

"I've never had my own set of crayons before!"
— Kindergarten, Pioneer Park Elementary

"It levels the playing field."
— 3rd-grade teacher, Grove Park Elementary

"It's my favorite color!"
— 2nd grader, hugging a bright blue backpack like a teddy bear.

2025 BACKPACK SPONSORS



Sent August 12, 2025
Sent to 10,092 Constituents
95% Deliverability

Facebook Posts

 Education Foundation o...
Sat 8/2/2025 8:57 pm CDT

Every Backpack Tells a Story 🍷❤️

Behind every backpack is a student filled...



Impressions	264
Reach	246
Engagements	34
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.9%

 Education Foundation o...
Tue 7/29/2025 1:02 pm CDT

From purpose to power tools, our July backpack builds kicked off with heart and hustle! 🍷💪 In just four days, our incredib...



Impressions	687
Reach	657
Engagements	180
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	26.2%

 Education Foundation o...
Sat 8/2/2025 9:06 pm CDT

🍷 Packing with Purpose. Powered by Community. ❤️

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Impressions	412
Reach	379
Engagements	79
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	19.2%

Instagram Posts

 educationfoundationpbc
Sat 8/2/2025 9:08 pm CDT

🍷 Packing with Purpose. Powered by Community. ❤️

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Views	166
Reach	74
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.2%

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Sat 8/2/2025 8:59 pm CDT

Every Backpack Tells a Story 🍷❤️

Behind every backpack is a student filled...



Views	233
Reach	114
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.4%

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Tue 7/29/2025 1:07 pm CDT

From purpose to power tools, our July backpack builds kicked off with heart and hustle! 🍷💪 In just four days, our incredib...



Views	313
Reach	181
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per View)	7%

LinkedIn Posts

 **Education Foundation of Pa...**
Sat 8/2/2025 9:07 pm CDT

Packing with Purpose. Powered by Community. ❤️

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Impressions	1,137
Engagements	274
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	24.1%

 **Education Foundation of Pa...**
Sat 8/2/2025 8:58 pm CDT

Every Backpack Tells a Story ❤️❤️

Behind every backpack is a student filled...



Impressions	345
Engagements	77
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	22.3%

 **Education Foundation of Pa...**
Tue 7/29/2025 1:04 pm CDT

From purpose to power tools, our July backpack builds kicked off with heart and hustle! 🧡💪 In just four days, our incredib...



Impressions	472
Engagements	152
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	32.2%

Twitter/X Posts

 **@EducationFdnPBC**
Sat 8/2/2025 9:00 pm CDT

Behind every backpack is a student filled with potential! Thanks to Proctor Construction, Admirals Cove, B.E. Blank &...




Impressions	87
Potential Reach	2,257
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%

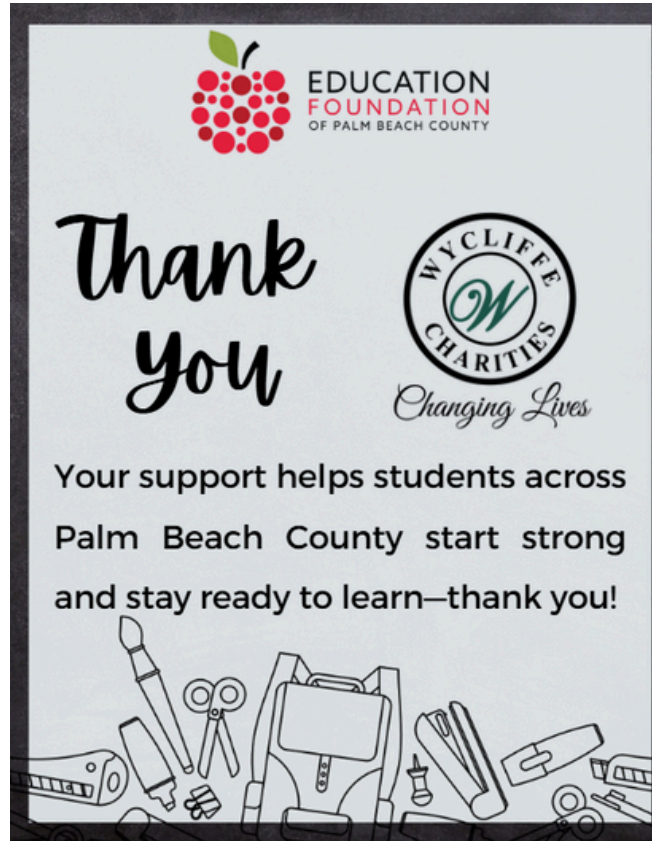
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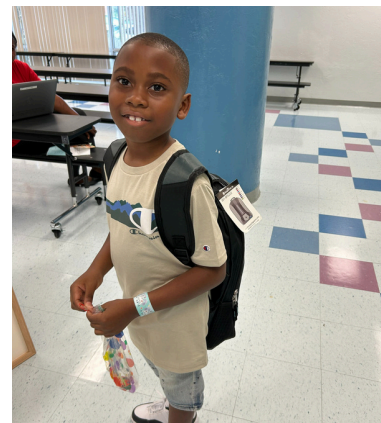
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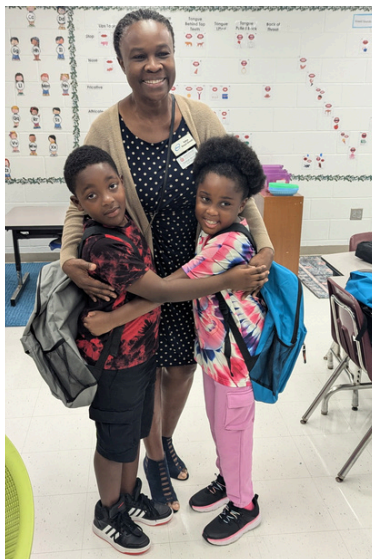
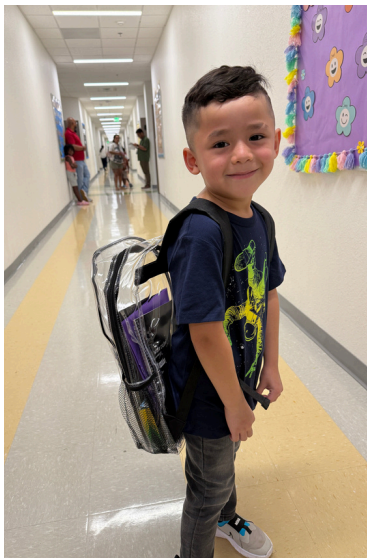
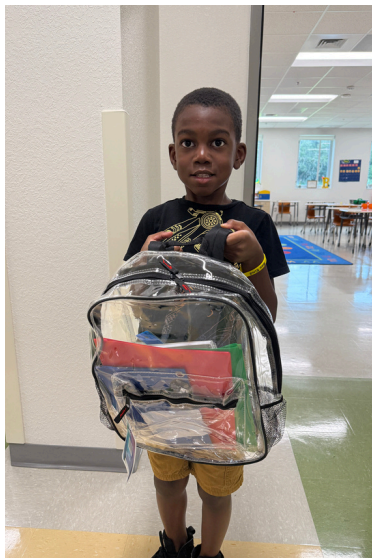



Impressions	125
Potential Reach	2,257
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8%

Thank You Sponsor Sign *22x28 Sign Displayed at Backpack Builds & Deliveries*







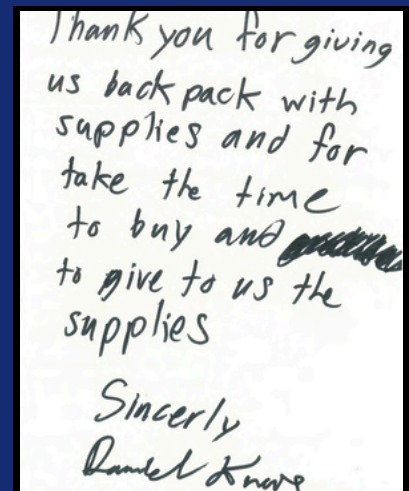
Thank You!

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County, along with the principals, teachers, and students we serve, extends our heartfelt gratitude to Wycliffe Charities.

Your generosity ensures that every classroom is equipped with the tools and opportunities students need to learn, grow, and thrive — from kindergarten through graduation.

New school supplies do more than fill backpacks; they spark curiosity, confidence, and hope. Your commitment continues to build brighter futures — one backpack, one classroom, and one dream at a time. We're deeply grateful for your partnership in creating lasting change.

Thank you for helping thousands of Palm Beach County students start each day ready to learn and dream big.



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