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MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR AREA SCHOOL CHILDREN, BE A PART OF STUFF THE BUS

United Way of Greater Augusta is working in support of Harrisonburg Radio Group's annual "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive at the Staunton and Waynesboro Wal-Marts during tax free weekend – August 4th, 5th, and 6th.

With more than 7,000 children in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County schools eligible for Free & Reduced Lunches, Stuff the Bus is an opportunity to help ease the burden of back to school shopping for local families.

By partnering with Harrisonburg Radio Group, Wal-Mart, Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta County Schools, several hundreds of volunteers will be collecting and sorting donated school supplies for students throughout the region.

Donations can be dropped off all weekend long August 4-6 at the Staunton or Waynesboro Wal-Marts. In addition to donations, United Way of Greater Augusta is in need of volunteers to help us collect, pack and deliver school supplies. Please visit the Greater Augusta Volunteer Center website at www.volunteergreateraugusta.org for opportunities to volunteer for Stuff the Bus.

If you would like to donate school supplies prior to August 4th, you can drop off supplies at the United Way of Greater Augusta office located at 24 Idlewood Blvd, Staunton, Virginia between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact the United Way of Greater Augusta at 540-885-1229 or email our Stuff the Bus coordinator, Nadina Pupic at Nadina.Pupic@unitedway.org

Items needed for donations:



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| #2 PENCILS | GLUE | LOOSE LEAF PAPER |
| 2-POCKET FOLDERS | GLUE STICKS | PENCIL BOXES |
| BACK PACKS | PENS | COLORED PENCILS |
| CRAYONS | SCISSORS | COMPOSITION BOOKS |
| ERASERS | SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS | TAPE |
| TISSUES | CONSTRUCTION PAPER | |

About United Way of Greater Augusta

United Way of Greater Augusta is part of a national network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting positive changes in communities and people's lives. Building on more than a century of service as the nation's preeminent community-based fundraiser, United Way engages the community to identify the underlying causes of the most significant local issues, develops strategies and pulls together financial and human resources to address them, and measures the results. United Way of Greater Augusta tackle issues based on local needs. Common focus areas include helping children and youth succeed, improving access to health care, promoting self-sufficiency, and strengthening families. For more information about United Way of Greater Augusta, please visit: www.unitedwayga.org.