



Dear Friends of Supplies for Success,

Even though we weren't able to work together in person as a community during this difficult time of COVID-19, **we didn't abandon our kids**. Our commitment was unwavering, and we are still fundraising and shipping filled backpacks as the requests continue to come in. The pandemic was, and continues to be, an opportunity for us to double down to fulfill our mission, without an intermission.

We have had unprecedented success helping more children "go" back to school prepared to learn than ever before! Thanks to our efforts together, more than 20,000 children are starting school on a more level playing field equipped with the supplies essential for learning.

We had to think outside the box and pivot to make it happen:

- Utilizing new methods of fundraising: individuals and teams campaigning online to raise funds
- Engaging community safely: 42 at home assembly events

-Distributing differently: shipping backpacks pre-filled at our suppliers' warehouses directly to the schools, shelters, and organizations we serve.

We simply could not have done it without you! We THANK YOU all who helped in any way!

As some of you know, Supplies for Success is now an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization having launched from UJA to help more kids. We now partner with UJA and are a grantee. We are dedicated to providing the tools needed for children living in poverty to look to education for a better life, while engaging volunteers to make it happen. SFS provides backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies before the first day of school, so underserved children can start school feeling confident, looking like their peers, and prepared to learn. Since our inception at UJA, we've donated more than **120,000** backpacks.

In honor of the memory of my son, Eric, who we lost to a ski accident on March 5, we responded to the Coronavirus pandemic and the closure of schools in late March, by pivoting to donate **activity CareKits** filled with art supplies and more to the children of frontline health care workers and to disadvantaged children through hospitals and food banks to keep them busy and learning. **To date, we've donated more than 15,000 CareKits.**

It's been quite a year for all of us!

Thank you for standing by us when the kids need us more than ever.

If you can, and have not done so yet, it's not too late to lend a hand. When facing hunger and eviction, school supplies don't even make it to the list of expenditures. But children NEED them! And I just got a call from a homeless shelter on Long Island that was not on our list!

You can still reach out to campaign for us or simply help a child with a filled backpack. [DONATE](#) and please checkout our website [Supplies for Success](#) to learn more about us and how you can join us to help kids in need succeed. After all---they are still our future! I hope you will choose to bring light to these dark days of Corona.

Thank you. Stay safe and be well.

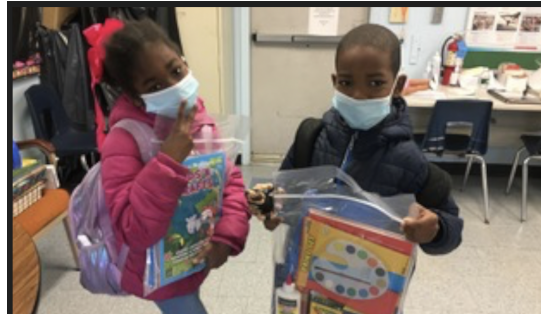
With gratitude,

Mindy

Mindy Richenstein, Founder and President, Supplies for Success

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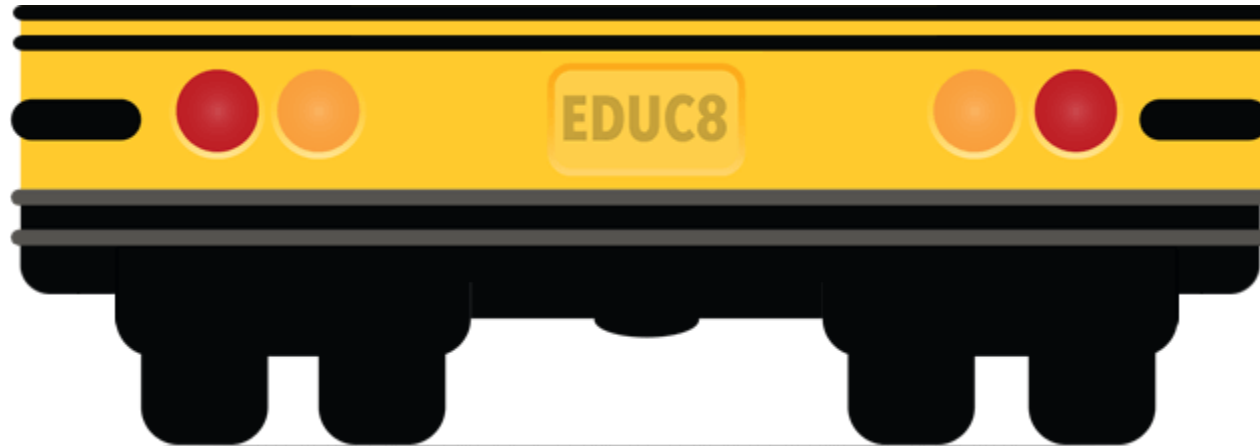


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Corona Crisis Campaign Video**

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