



BACKPACK PROGRAM

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Introduction

This is the 11th year the National Foundation for Women Legislators has partnered with the Office Depot Foundation for the Backpack Program. Each year, the program has continued to grow, with more and more elected women expressing interest in participating. In summer 2016, NFWL began the process of accepting sign-ups for elected women and received an unprecedented interest. NFWL is excited to announce 2016 as our largest program yet with the following participation:

60+ elected women distributed backpacks
23 states were represented
6450 backpacks were given to students in need

As always, NFWL is proud to partner with the Office Depot Foundation to connect with elected women and help them serve their constituents. We look forward to many more successful Backpack Programs.

Representative Charlene Fite

VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

Representative Fite donated backpacks at the Back to School Dash in Lincoln, Arkansas.

Representative Jeanette Nuñez

MIAMI, FLORIDA

From 10am to 12pm on August 13, Representative Nuñez spent time distributing backpacks to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade at Felix Varela Senior High School in Miami, Florida.

On August 12, Representative Gayle Harrell visited JD Parker Elementary School in Stuart, Florida from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in order to distribute backpacks to students. But she didn't stop there. Representative Harrell then visited Indiantown Middle School in Indiantown, Florida on August 22 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm to continue donating to her community. Over the course of the two events, she donated 150 backpacks and below are some pictures of Representative Harrell with local students.



Representative Gayle Harrell

STUART, FLORIDA



Senator Donna Kim

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Senator Kim visited three elementary schools to provide a civics lesson followed by the distribution of backpacks. Click [here](#) to view the press releases regarding her event.

Representative Pamela Dickerson

CONYERS, GEORGIA

Representative Dickerson distributed backpacks at two local events, one at Springfield Baptist Church and the other at Attorney Stephanie Lindsey's Back to School Event.

Councilwoman Helen Holton

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Councilwoman Helen Holton was determined to make the most of her ODF backpack donation and visited as many schools as possible. In total, Councilwoman Holton donated 300 backpacks across seven elementary schools in Baltimore, including Thomas Jefferson Elementary, North Bend Elementary, Lyndhurst Elementary, Mary E. Rodman Elementary, Sarah Roache Elementary, Dickey Elementary, and Windsor Hills Elementary.

Executive Director Lauren Scribi

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators worked with Representative Liz Malia, Senator Harriette Chandler, Representative Carole Fiola, Senator Joan Lovely, Senator Anne Gobi, Representative Sarah Peake, Representative Gloria Fox, Representative Elizabeth Poirier, Representative Denise Provost, Representative Marjorie Decker, Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Representative Claire Cronin

to distribute 150 backpacks throughout the state of Massachusetts.





Commissioner Martha Scott

HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

Commissioner Scott donated all 150 of her backpacks to students at the Boys and Girls Club in Detroit, Michigan. She conducted a successful presentation on August 8 and noted how excited the students were to receive the school supplies.



Senator Carla Nelson

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

On August 29, 2016, Senator Carla Nelson attended the Fourth Annual "End of Summer/ Back to School" Bash. Over 380 students were given backpacks at the event, filled with school supplies such

as calculators, crayons, and glue bottles.



Representative Lataisha Jackson

COMO, MISSOURI

Going above and beyond, Representative Lataisha Jackson attended three Back to School Rallies in Como, Crenshaw, and Senatobia, Missouri. In total she donated 500 backpacks, 150 of which were from ODF. Included are some pictures from the rallies.





Representative Edie McClafferty

BUTTE, MONTANA

Representative McClafferty donated backpacks to Kennedy Elementary School.



Supervisor Doris Karloff

YUTAN, NEBRASKA

Supervisor Karloff visited Bethlehem Lutheran Church on July 28 from 1:30 to 3:30pm to distribute backpacks to 219 students from 89 families in Saunders County, Nebraska. A press release is included in the document folder.

Representative Phyllis Katsakiores

DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Representative Phyllis Katsakiores donated her 300 ODF backpacks to the Derry Boys and Girls Club. The club was in great need of backpack donations, so Representative Katsakiores' donation was much appreciated. The event was covered by a local newspaper, and a clipping can be found in the folder of attachments.

Freeholder Serena DiMaso

FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

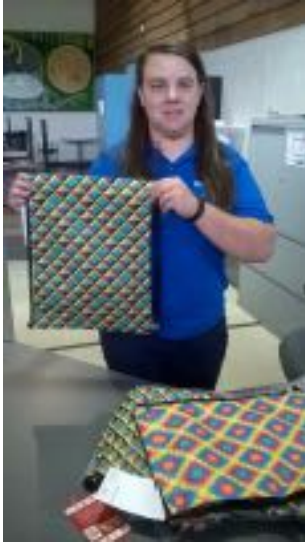
Freeholder Serena DiMaso went to Freehold Learning Center on September 7 to celebrate the new school year with students and donate the backpacks. Included in this section are some pictures of her distribution event and press coverage is enclosed in the documentation folder.



Representative Rosa Gill

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Enjoying the program so much, Representative Gill distributed backpacks to her colleagues so they could also contribute to their communities. Representative Garland Pierce, Representative Bobbie Richardson, and Senator Angela Bryant all participating alongside Representative Gill, donating a total of 150 backpacks.





Representative Tarah Toohil

HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA

On September 30, 2016, Representative Tarah Toohil visited Maple Manor Elementary School and read 3rd and 4th grade girls the book *Grace for President* and gave each of the 150 students in attendance a backpack.







Representative Beth Bernstein

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Pontiac Elementary School was honored to receive 150 backpacks from Representative Beth Bernstien. The backpacks were distributed at the annual Back to School Night on August 16, 2016 and included

a ruler, crayons, a pen, a pencil, a pencil sharpener, and an eraser.



Representative Kathy Bernier

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN

On September 1, Representative Kathy Bernier visited her local public library, Thorp Public Library, to donate 150 backpacks. Here are some pictures of kids' reactions to her generosity.



Senator Alberta Darling

MADISON, WISCONSIN

Attending an event at the Back to School Fair at a housing complex in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Senator Darling donated 150 backpacks to students. An Office Depot Foundation representative attended her event and helped distribute the backpacks.

Representative Lisa Subeck

MADISON, WISCONSIN

Representative Subeck donated 150 backpacks to Lussier Community Education Center on August 11, 2016.



Representative Jessie Rodriguez

OAK CREEK, WISCONSIN

Representative Rodriguez donated 150 backpacks to local Milwaukee students on August 24, 2016. The event was held at South Milwaukee Human Concerns.

