

Adopt-A-BackPacker

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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release on November 30, 2009

Local Family Resource Centers need financial support for Adopt-a-Backpacker program

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For the past three years, through a school partnership with The Hope Center and Feeding America, the backpacks have been filled at a greatly reduced price. Through local donations, The Hope Center generously supplied this contribution. However, just recently the schools have learned that due to increased participation across the state, the resources of Feeding America are being exhausted and they have had to increase the amount per bag, considerably. The Hope Center cannot cover this increase on their own, so the Family Resource Centers are once again looking to the community for donations.

Unfortunately, the need for additional funding is somewhat urgent since the price increase goes into effect in January. So, contributions are needed to keep from dropping some of the local children from this worthwhile program. Through the "Adopt-a-Backpacker" program sponsored through Feeding America, churches, businesses, community organizations, or individuals can sponsor a child on the backpack program at a cost of \$80 per year or \$7 a month.

Anyone wishing more information may contact local Family Resource Centers or Leslie Randall, the coordinator of the project at 348-6211 or Leslie.Randall@wayne.kyschools.us .

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For as little as .29 cents a day,
you can feed a child every week
for an entire school year!



You choose your tax-deductible giving option:

\$80 one-time gift or \$7 a month

Yes! I want to Adopt-A-Backpacker for the 2009-10 school year.

- I want to make a one-time \$80 donation to feed one child for an entire school year.
- I want to pledge \$7 a month to feed a child (extra \$4 will help feed another child).
- I want to adopt more than one child, enclosed amount \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Make checks payable to: *Backpack Program*

You may send to one of the following:

The Hope Center - 916 Columbia Ave., Monticello, KY 42633

Cardinal Family Resource Center - 278 Kenny Davis Boulevard, Monticello, KY 42633

Family Place at Turner Intermediate FRC - 250 Cardinal Way, Monticello, KY 42633

Monticello FRYSC - 120 Cave Street, Monticello, KY 42633.

To make an online donation, go to www.feedingamericaky.org and click 'Donate Now.'

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