



What is the Pack2School Drive?

Every year, Safe Shores – The DC Children’s Advocacy Center partners with individual volunteers, donors, businesses, and community organizations to provide child victims of abuse with school supplies they will need for the coming school year. By sponsoring a child’s school supply list, you can help ensure that hundreds of child victims and their siblings will have everything they need to start the school year off on the right foot! *Please review the following information carefully before committing to a sponsorship.*

What does it mean to sponsor a child? Do I have to buy everything on the supply list?

This year, we are offering supporters two ways to support the 2021 Pack2School Drive:

1. **Sponsor a school supply list(s).** Sponsors will be given a list with all the school supplies needed for that child according to their grade level. These lists can range from 10 items (for pre-K children) to as many as 20 items (for older youth). We ask that sponsors commit to purchasing each item on their respective supply list(s).
2. **Make a monetary donation in support of the drive.** Monetary donations are imperative for serving clients who cannot pick up their school supplies in person. Safe Shores will arrange to send supplies directly to these children’s homes.

How much should I expect to spend on each child?

The average cost of a fully supplied backpack is between \$100 - \$150.

Can I request a specific age/gender to shop for?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate requests for specific ages/genders.

What is the deadline for school supply drop-off?

Sponsors will be matched to a client by Wednesday, July 21st and have up to 9 days to shop. The final deadline for dropping off supplies is Friday, July 30th.

Can I organize my own supply drive to support Pack2School?

As Safe Shores continues to prioritize health and safety, we cannot accept surplus items donated from externally organized drives. In lieu, we encourage those interested to consider collectively sponsoring a supply list(s).

Do you do supply pick-ups?

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to do school supply pick-ups at this time. However, we are happy to work with you to arrange a drop-off time that is convenient for you and can help with unloading your vehicle!

I’m in! I’d like to sponsor a child’s school supply list. What’s next?

You can request a supply list(s) by filling out the [Pack2School Sponsor Request Form](#). The deadline to complete the form is Monday, July 19th. If you prefer to sponsor a child and let Safe Shores do the shopping, you may donate online at www.safeshores.org/donate (please include “Pack2School” in the comments) or send a check to the address below. A gift of \$100 - \$150 will cover one school supply list, but any amount helps!

How do I learn more about Safe Shores?

Join us virtually for Coffee for Kids, a one-hour tour of our mission and child-friendly facility, held every other Thursday morning from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.! Visit our website [here](#) to sign up.