



What is the Safe Shores' Pack2School Drive?

Every year, Safe Shores – The DC Children's Advocacy Center partners with the community to provide child victims of abuse in DC with school supplies for the coming school year. By sponsoring one or more backpacks filled with items from a grade-appropriate school supply list, you can help ensure that a child has tools they need to start the school year!

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

There are three ways to support the 2023 Pack2School Drive:

1. **Sponsor a school supply list(s).** Sponsors will be provided a list with all the school supplies according to grade level. Lists range from 10 items (for pre-K children) to 20 items (for older youth). Sponsors commit to purchasing all the items on their supply list(s). More than one person may sponsor a list. Many sponsors have told us it's a wonderful group giving activity.
2. **Make a monetary donation, and let Safe Shores do the shopping.** No donation is too small, and every gift helps.
3. **Spread the word** by sharing Safe Shores' Pack2School information with others you know who would like to help!

How much should I expect to spend on each backpack?

The average cost of a fully supplied backpack is between \$110 - \$175.

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

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

When will I get a list and what is the deadline for backpack/school supply drop-off?

You will be provided with a school supply list by Friday, July 21st. The drop-off deadline is Saturday, August 5th.

May I organize my own school supply drive to support Pack2School?

Yes. If you would prefer to sponsor a backpack or donate *and* organize your friends/co-workers to donate additional supplies, please notify us in advance. Here are two ways you can organize a group:

1. Collect new, unused items as list on DC Public School's [K-12 School Supply List](#), and then drop them off at any of the participating DC Ace Hardware locations (see below). Safe Shores will use items to assemble backpacks or will distribute them throughout the year when our young clients need replacements or additional supplies.
2. Create a virtual fundraiser to help Safe Shores buy essential school supplies, like backpacks or graphing calculators! Any funds unspent at the end of Pack2School will go toward meeting our clients' other pressing needs. We would be glad to help you set up your virtual fundraiser; please email givetoachild@safeshores.org.

When and where do I drop off my supplies?

Backpacks/supplies may be dropped off at any of the 8 participating DC locations of A Few Cool Hardware Stores, the local employee-owned Ace Hardware Franchise. Alternatively, sponsors may drop off backpacks/supplies at the Safe Shores building at 429 O Street, NW, M-F, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Please let us know 24 hours before drop off by emailing givetoachild@safeshores.org or calling 202-645-4421 if you would like to drop off at Safe Shores.

Count me in! I will sponsor at least one backpack and school supply list. What's next?

Request a school supply list(s) today by filling out the [Pack2School Sponsor Request Form](#). **The deadline to submit the completed form is Monday, July 17, 2022.** If you prefer to sponsor and let Safe Shores do the shopping, you may [donate online](#) or send a check to the address below. A donation of \$110 - \$175 will cover one school supply list, but any amount helps!