



Nationwide Appraisal Network’s Backpack4Kids Initiative Donated 855 Backpacks and Supplies to Title I Elementary and Middle-Schools; Usborne Books Partnership Delivers 1,000 Books to Classrooms and Libraries

Students will receive backpacks ‘stuffed to the brim with all the school supplies students need to succeed’ at their classwork and their libraries and classrooms offering new books

Oldsmar, Fla., August 16, 2017–Nationwide Appraisal Network (NAN), an innovative, women-owned, industry-leading appraisal management company with true national coverage, has announced that the 2017 **Backpacks4Kids** initiative, has donated 855 backpacks to Title 1 elementary and middle-school students. The backpacks were stuffed to the brim with all the school supplies students need to succeed and delivered August 4 to Southern Oak Elementary, Tarpon Springs Elementary, Sandy Lane Elementary, and Oak Grove Middle School. Also, NAN and partner **Usborne Books & More**, a Tulsa, Okla.-based book distributor and a division of Educational Development Corporation (EDC), delivered 1,000 children’s books to school libraries and classrooms.

“The generosity of individuals, corporate sponsors, and participants at events have made it possible to ensure that children have the supplies they need to do well at school,” said **Joni Pilgrim**, Chief Business Development Officer at Nationwide Appraisal Network. “Every year I am gratified to see the generosity and willingness of people and corporations to give back to their communities. Their commitment to this cause is truly wonderful because it means so much to the students, parents, teachers and administrators.”

For the fifth straight year, the NAN team has worked to make the Backpacks4Kids drive successful. They have participated in the charity drive, volunteered to shop for the backpacks and supplies on tax-free days, and helped plan and support fund raising events.

“I am enormously proud of our team, their willingness to give their time and help whenever they are needed has been critical to the success Backpacks4Kids has enjoyed every year,” said Pilgrim. “Our employees have once again done a stellar job and have helped to ensure that students will have the supplies they need to learn and participate in school. We all know how important that is to their success in school and beyond.”

Pilgrim began spearheading the Backpacks4Kids effort in 2013 because she realized that some families did not have the resources to purchase backpacks and school supplies for their

children—and she wanted to do something about it. In addition to NAN employees, members of the community and several businesses and civic organizations have generously supported the initiative.

Among this year's corporate sponsors are **The American Legion Post 275 of Dunedin, Fla.; Strawn, Marshall, Cunningham Condon & Sweat, P.A./Certified Public Accountants; Pathway Business Advisors, LLC; Spoor Law Group, P.A.; and Premium Plumbing, LLC; Bayshore Trophies and Awards; American Continuing Education Institute; Lansbrook Golf Club; and ZenfiniTea.**

Backpacks4Kids

Backpacks4Kids (BP4K, Inc.) is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) and is fully funded by local businesses and community partners. Its mission is to support local Title 1 schools and students by providing backpacks and school supplies to those in need. For more information on how to support Backpacks 4 Kids, email Joni Pilgrim at jpilgrim@BP4K.org.

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