



Dear Community Partners,

We are excited to share that this is the 11th year of the Hope in Christ Back-to-School Celebration! We would like you to be our partner in bringing joy to the hearts of these children!

The Hope in Christ Back-to-School Celebration is an annual coordinated effort of a family of several Ames local churches. The purpose of the celebration is to create a bridge for families to prepare them for the next school year. It is our goal for the students to start the upcoming school year in the right frame of mind as well as the right frame of heart. Our event will include educational workshops, music, fellowship and entertainment. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Every child that attends with an adult will receive a backpack filled with all the required school supplies for the school year. The supplies are tailored to the specific requirements of each grade. The students will receive all they need in more ways than one!

The need in our community is great. In 2018 we distributed 329 backpacks and helped 121 families. As of May 20, 2019, we have 94 students registered and 40 families with 4 weeks left until registration closes. We are not sure what to expect this year but anticipate at least 300 backpacks this year. We have a budget of \$20,000 this year, which includes the cost of the backpack (about \$50), plus all the supplies that go with it. Donations are what make this possible!

Would you consider being a sponsor/partner to help these families? Timely monetary donations provide us the opportunity to purchase in bulk, which significantly reduces the cost of supplies.

Please provide donations by **June 12, 2019**. All donations can be directed to Hope in Christ, 114 Crystal St., Ames, IA 50010. As a sponsor/partner your name can be publicized in our program if so desired. Please make checks payable to "Hope In Christ".

You may contact Pastor Robert Knight at (515) 686-0835 with any questions you may have.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and for making a difference in our community!

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1:17

Sincerely,

Hope in Christ Back-to-School Celebration Committee

PS---Your donation is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to the fullest extent of the law. A letter for your records will be provided to you by Hope In Christ Back To School Celebration Committee.