



Backpack and School Supply Drive

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VALHALLA, NY (September 2022) --- Backpack and School Supply Drive - Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD)- Members of the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority donated new backpacks and school supplies to children served by WIHD's Child Welfare Program.

Once again members of the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority generously donated backpacks full of school supplies for children served by WIHD's Child Welfare Program. Backpacks were specifically chosen for pre-school and school aged children served by WIHD's Every Family Counts Aftercare Program and Project IMPACT, WIHD's foster care prevention program for parents with intellectual disabilities and delivered before the start of the school year so that families had one less thing to worry about as they send their children off to school for the start of the school year.

"It may seem like such a simple thing; a backpack full of new pencils, notebooks, and other school supplies, but it makes a tremendous difference to children whose families, many working multiple jobs, often struggle to maintain housing and provide basic necessities. Even as an adult, I can remember the thrill of starting the school year with new notebooks and fresh pens and pencils – through the generosity and dedication of the Pi Iota Omega Chapter, our clients can experience that same feeling and know that there are people in their community cheering them on for a successful school year. It's a great feeling knowing that a small act of kindness and generosity can make such an impact and we are tremendously grateful for the long-standing relationship with the Pi Iota Omega Chapter." says Danielle Weisberg, Chief Child Welfare Officer at WIHD.



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“We are so grateful to the generosity of the members of the Pi Iota Omega Chapter of the AKA Sorority. Their dedication to and support of the children served by WIHD’s Child Welfare Program is so important. These backpacks and supplies make a huge difference in the lives of these children.” says Susan Fox, President and CEO of WIHD.

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As one of 67 University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities and vulnerable children through professional education, direct service provision, and innovative research. First established in 1950, WIHD moved to Westchester County, NY in 1972 and has been a key regional resource providing a wide range of medical, dental, clinical and social services to individuals with disabilities, vulnerable children, families and professionals. At WIHD, everything we do is guided by our vision of a future in which all people, including people with disabilities and vulnerable children, live healthy and productive lives as full members of society. For more information, go to www.wihd.org.