Help Area Children With Backpack Drive

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Redskins players Jarvis Jenkins (top left), Alfred Morris (top right) and Rex Grossman (bottom) have their supplies ready for Operation Backpack 2012. Do you?

Want to join Redskins players like running back Alfred Morris in a drive aimed at helping area homeless children achieve in school?
Who wouldn’t?

This effort, Operation Backpack 2012, is a combined effort by the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation and Volunteers of America Chesapeake that collects and distributes the backpacks filled with school supplies to children living in Volunteers of America Chesapeake homeless shelters throughout the Washington D.C. metro area.

Donating to the cause is easy.

Operation Backpack 2012 will begin in late July and run through the first week of September. Fans can donate backpacks, school supplies or make monetary donations at collections at the following Redskins events and locations:

- Washington Redskins Training Camp Presented by REMAX (click here for the training camp schedule/guidelines)
  - The Redskins’ home preseason game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29.
  - Volunteers of America Chesapeake administrative office at 7901 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Md., 20706

Fans who donate to Operation Backpack 2012 at training camp or at the first preseason game will also be automatically entered to win Redskins prizes.

Morris, a rookie, is already getting into the local charity scene. He tweeted this today:

Contributing to Operation Backpack Help out by dropping off school supplies at redskins park during training camp
#HTTR twitpic.com/aay8bz
12:39 PM - 23 Jul 2012

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Here’s a list of suggested items to donate:

- Backpack
- Loose-leaf Paper (Wide Rule)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebook
- Spiral Notebooks
- Black Pens
- Large Pink Eraser
- #2 Pencils
- Pencil Box/Case
- Ruler
- Glue Stick
- Box of Crayons
- Pad of Drawing Paper
- Box of Washable Markers
- Handheld Pencil Sharpener
- Box of Colored Pencils
- 5-Inch Safety Scissors
- Facial Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer

Questions? Call the Redskins at 703-726-7000.