



Project Fresh Start

School Supply Drive

Most Needed Items

- durable backpacks 17" or larger •
- permanent markers • dry erase markers • glue bottles •
- colored pencils • 3x5" index cards • rulers • adult scissors •
- pencil pouches • watercolor paint sets •
- wide & college ruled single subject notebooks & 2-pocket folders (green, blue, yellow, red, orange & purple) •

Visit www.VolunteersRock.org/PFS for a list of donation sites.



Register for Supplies

Any child 4K-12 who meets the free or reduced-price meals financial guidelines through a Portage County school is eligible to receive free school supplies. Pre-registration is required. **Complete the registration**

form online or download a printable form at

www.VolunteersRock.org/PFS.



How You Can Help: 3 Easy Steps

step
1

COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Hold a collection drive for school supplies within your business, organization, or congregation.

- 1. Register Your Organization.** Let us know you wish to participate by completing the [online registration form](#).
- 2. Create A Collection Bin.** We encourage you to use your own box or container to collect school supplies. It can be as plain or as creative as you want to make it. Note: consider purchasing supplies through the [Project Fresh Start Amazon Wishlist!](#)
- 3. Promote Your Collection Drive & Be Creative!** Spread the word that you are collecting supplies for Project Fresh Start. Go to [VolunteersRock.org/PFS](#) to download posters, supply lists, etc. Advertise the drive in an employee newsletter or church bulletin. Post it on your marquee or hang posters in the employee break room. Hold a competition between departments or offer a reward to those who bring in the most supplies.
- 4. Share With Us!** We want to see your collection drive in action. Post pictures of your collection to our Facebook page, [facebook.com/pocovolunteer](#) or send them to us at volunteer@unitedwaypoco.org.



5. If Receipts Are Requested:

For Supply Items (not cash): Non-cash donation records are on the next page. Cut and copy the record as needed and complete it for the person wanting a receipt.

For Cash Donations: Cash/check donations are accepted. Checks should be made to Project Fresh Start. If a receipt is needed, please contact United Way at 715-341-6740.

step
2

DROP OFF COLLECTED SUPPLIES:

Turn in your collected supplies for sorting and processing before distribution.

- 1. Prepare Supplies for Drop Off.**
When your collection drive ends, prepare supply items for processing. If you have time, it is helpful for us if **all like items are grouped together**. (i.e. all pens together, all notebooks together, etc.).
- 2. Deliver supplies to PJ Jacobs Junior High**
Bring your collected supplies to **PJ Jacobs Junior High** (2400 Main St, Stevens Point, WI 54481) on your selected date. Volunteers will be available to help unload supplies.

2024 drop off dates are:

Tuesday, August 13th; 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 14th; 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Note: It is very important that all items are delivered by 3:00 pm on August 14th. If you are unable to drop off your supplies at the time above, please call us at 715-341-6740 to make alternate arrangements.

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VOLUNTEER:

Now that you've collected supplies, consider volunteering your time to help sort or distribute them.

Multiple volunteers are needed to make Project Fresh Start successful. Many shifts, occurring at several different times, are available. Volunteers are needed August 12th – 17th. **To view opportunities and sign up, please go to [VolunteersRock.org/PFS](#).**

Volunteer groups and teams are welcomed. Many organizations treat volunteering at Project Fresh Start as a team builder for their group. Light snacks and water are provided. Volunteering is a great way to see the supplies you've collected in use, in the hands of students who need them.

FAQs:

1. **When is distribution?** Families will need to register to receive school supplies in order for United Way to determine the amount of supplies needed. School supplies will be distributed at an in-person event on Saturday, August 17th, 2024 at PJ Jacobs Junior High School.
2. **Who receives donated items?** Last year, Project Fresh Start served over 1,300 students. Any child who is eligible for the federal free or reduced priced meal program is eligible for Project Fresh Start, grades 4K-12. About 30% of all students attending Portage County schools are eligible to receive supplies.
3. **How do participants register?** Eligible participants must register by Friday, July 26, 2024. Complete the registration form online at <https://forms.gle/e1MJpRFx1QRNukqW7>. Registration forms in English, Hmong, and Spanish can also be printed at VolunteersRock.org/PFS. To have a form mailed to you, please contact the United Way office at 715-341-6740.

For more information contact United Way of Portage County Volunteer Center at (715) 341-6740 or volunteer@unitedwaypoco.org.



Non-Cash Donation Record

Date: _____

Items Donated: _____

Name and Address of donor:

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School Supply Wish List

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| School Supply Items |
| Backpack |
| Pencil Box/Pouch |
| Erasers |
| Pencils |
| Pencil Sharpener |
| Red Pens |
| Black/Blue Pens |
| Highlighters |
| Dry Erase Markers |
| Sharpies/Permanent Markers |
| Folders |
| 1-Subject Notebooks |
| Composition Books |
| Washable Markers |
| Colored Pencils |
| Glue Bottles |
| Glue Sticks |
| Adult Scissors |
| Child "safety" Scissors |
| Rulers |
| Index Cards |
| Watercolor Paint Sets |
| Earbuds/Headphone |

Notes about these supplies:

- Large, durable, good-quality backpacks are always needed for older grade levels.
- Items that we often run low on include backpacks for older grades, washable markers, colored pencils, dry erase markers, adult scissors, and index cards.
- Don't let this list intimidate you, instead consider it a challenge. Every item counts!