

2018 REPORT

STUFF THE BUS



Communities
In Schools

Tacoma

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Thanks to over 50 partners in our community, we were able to collect over 3,500 backpacks and 187 boxes of school supplies. Donations are still trickling in, but this year's campaign has been a huge success with contributions estimated already at over \$90,000. Along with our ongoing major sponsors, we had several new partners this year to rally around our local youth.

Each year, organizations look forward to our Stuff the Bus campaign. Not only is it a great cause, but Multicare employee, Bif Fink, shared, "It's a lot of fun." James with Pierce Transit, mentioned the excitement that happens each year when the yellow bus comes around. Volunteers make stuffing backpacks a family affair. Shirin, a volunteer, expressed the joy it brought to her two young kids to take part in giving back to their community.



Many organizations use this campaign as an interdepartmental team-building event. What started as a small tradition has become an impactful experience in which companies look forward to every year. They may see it as a simple gesture, but Mrs. Moore, who teaches high school English, shares about the impact that is made when kids come to school equipped. "Kids are able to learn when all their needs are met and Stuff the Bus ensures just that."

SO OFTEN YOU FIND THAT THE PEOPLE YOU AIM
TO INSPIRE ARE THE ONES THAT END UP INSPIRING YOU.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO FRIENDS NEW AND OLD!

This campaign could not exist without our dedicated sponsors and volunteers each year. We are so thankful for Franklin Pierce School District this year, donating our big yellow bus that was seen all over town on August 17th. This campaign was made possible due to the countless volunteers whom invested 355 collective hours.

We are grateful for all our new partners joining us this year...APA, CHI Franciscan, Coordinated Care, FBI, Fred Meyer, Kaiser Permanente, Lucks Food Decorating, Tacoma Mall, Target, and TPSC Benefits. Not only did Gensco donate 240 backpacks, they rallied their employees to stuff all of them full of supplies to welcome every Oakland high school student at the doors with materials needed to start the school year off.



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