



Communities
In Schools

Tacoma

*Stuff the
BUS*
2019

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY

"I can't say enough about the deep love given by our Tacoma, Fife, and Lakewood business people, who dedicated so much time and money to bring our students precious gifts needed as school supplies. If you want to be loved work with kids... it's the most rewarding experience you can have!"

-Frank Shepard, First Student Bus Driver

"You learn to start shopping early for school supplies and uniforms, but this year it was harder than usual with my husband not able to work full time and only making just enough to not qualify for any assistance. Having received backpacks and supplies has made it possible to get them all the new shoes they were in need of."

-Desire Maria, Parent

"For my family this was a blessing to not have to worry about not having enough for school supplies and backpacks for all three of my children. It was great to just not worry about that since I had lots more to worry about."

-Eva Moreno, Parent Volunteer

"Seeing the supplies brought a sense of relief to many of our students! We saw students lead the charge in stuffing backpacks and noticing the needs of others. We are incredibly thankful for the support of Communities In Schools for this annual event. Many students would not have supplies otherwise."

-Annie Mosich, Assistant Principal



PARTNERS

Generous partners donate their time and money to give back to their community.



VOLUNTEERS

Dozens of volunteers share their time and energy to bring the vision of a stronger community to life.



COMMUNITY

Individuals and groups come together to lift one another up towards success.

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PROJECT GROWTH

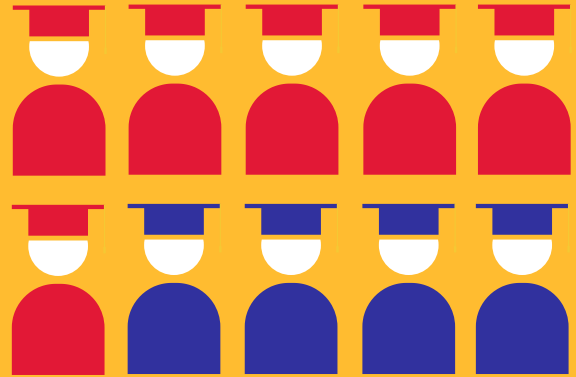
Stuff the Bus is our annual summer project where we help to build bridges between the community we live in and the schools where our students grow. Each year we have worked to expand this program in an effort to support our students in need. This year we are proud to share that we were able to work with over 65 incredible partners and 113 volunteers to make this project a success.

Together, we worked to sponsor, supply, and pack over 2,000 backpacks for 20+ schools across the Tacoma, Bethel, and Franklin Pierce school districts. Not only were we able to collect the materials needed to support these students, but we have enough supplies ready to pack another 1,500 bags this Spring.

"I enjoyed volunteering because we could help other people because they didn't have the time or a way to go out and do that. It was just really awesome to help them."
-Luke Gerbyshak, Student Volunteer



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATISTICS



6 OUT OF 10

Families in the Tacoma School District struggle to afford the annual cost of back to school supplies for their students. Our Stuff the Bus drive helps to alleviate the financial burden on families, so that all students are given an equal opportunity to achieve their educational goals.



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