



Volunteers of America®
Delaware Valley

Did you know that there are many school-age children in the South Jersey region who are in danger of becoming homeless or who are already living in a shelter? One of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it has on a child's education.

Operation Backpack is Volunteers of America's back-to-school drive that asks the general public to donate backpacks to children in need. In addition to giving the child a sense of confidence and hope, Operation Backpack relieves the child's family of a significant financial burden and helps them begin the school year with a brand new backpack.

The SNJDC is partnering with our member, Volunteers of America Delaware Valley, to collect backpacks filled with school supplies. Attend our annual "Day on the Delaware" lunch and networking cruise aboard the *Spirit of Philadelphia* on Friday, August 13, 2021. Tickets available at snjdc.org.

Purchase a new backpack (or two) filled with school supplies for a child (boy or girl) and bring it with you on our Day on the Delaware networking cruise and we'll collect at the registration table.

Not on the boat trip? Backpacks can be dropped off (until Friday, August 27) at:

SNJDC
900 Route 168, Ste. D-4
Turnersville NJ 08012

Volunteers of America
235 White Horse Pike
Collingswood NJ 08107

For additional information or to make a financial contribution, please visit the VOA's website at www.voadv.org or contact [Alexis Degan](mailto:Alexis.Degan@voadv.org) at 856-854-4660, ext.166.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

[For Preschool and Kindergarten](#)
[For Elementary School](#)

[For Middle School](#)
[For High School](#)

EVERY YEAR WE HELP FILL A NEED

- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2019: 155 backpacks collected
- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2018: 155 backpacks collected
- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2017: 165 backpacks collected
- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2016: 160 backpacks collected
- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2015: 132 backpacks collected
- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2014: 113 backpacks collected
- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2013: 79 backpacks collected
- "Operation Backpack on the Boat" 2012: 51 backpacks collected