



Arlington Partnership  
For Affordable Housing

## Fill backpacks for Arlington Public School students!



### **Looking for a summer volunteer opportunity for your group?**

Every APS student from K-12 needs school supplies to begin the year. Please consider filling backpacks for students who call an APAH community home.

#### **How does it work? *It's three simple steps!***

1. Gather a group and determine how many backpacks your group can fill.
2. Contact APAH with your group's commitment and receive the school supply lists to match your commitment.
3. Fill brand-new backpacks with the requested supplies and drop them off at APAH headquarters on the designated date.

A Backpack/supply drive can be a fun and collaborative group activity. Here are some tips from other groups that have led successful school supply drives.

- Divide up the supply lists among members then come together to have a backpack stuffing party.
- Plan to take advantage of Virginia's tax-free weekend August 4-6 and shop together to purchase backpacks and supplies.
- Consider asking others to help your group meet its backpack commitment.
- Shop sales throughout the summer and see who can provide the most quality school supplies for the least \$\$, offering a prize to the person who finds the best bargains!
- Challenge another group or your employer to match your group's backpack commitment.

#### **Looking to earn volunteer hours?**

Managing a backpack and supply drive with your group can earn APAH volunteer hours for all involved.

For more information, to see the list of backpack/supply needs, and to make your commitment, contact Julie Booth, Volunteer Program Manager, at [jbooth@apah.org](mailto:jbooth@apah.org) or 571-800-6462.

# Thank you!!

