

Pencils, Paper and Possibilities: Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders

"I'm grateful for what I have, and wanted to do something to give back," which is why Meir Kroll, his wife Alissa and three of their five children joined the Boca Grove Cares team as they filled nearly 700 backpacks with school supplies. "It makes me sad to see kids that don't have anything. We brought our kids with us to show them that every child does not have what they have," Alissa shared.

One in five kids in Palm Beach County lives under the poverty line. That's forty thousand kids, many right here in Boca Raton, who cannot afford a decent meal, let alone a backpack and basic supplies for the upcoming school year. For Jessenia Cucalon, who works in membership at the club, this community service day with the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County hits close to home. "A lot of my family came here from Puerto Rico and Ecuador, and they did not have the resources. A pencil and paper were a big deal for them, so they depended on this program. Now, I'm thankful I get to give back and help others."

Jessenia, a dozen other employees, the Krolls and fellow member David Kahn spent nearly two hours unloading boxes and stuffing backpacks. "Being able to provide a little hands-on help is an excellent way of giving back. It isn't always about money...sweat equity is important too," Kahn said. The backpacks will be distributed to schools throughout the county to kids who need them, no questions asked, so they, too, can start the school year with a sense of pride and dignity. General Manager Jenn Jolly says it's heartwarming to play a small part in a child's happiness. "I am so proud of my team and our Boca Grove Cares program. As leaders, we are always seeking ways to enhance employee satisfaction, engagement and loyalty, and this program has been a home run. They feel a heightened sense of purpose and fulfillment, and our hands-on initiatives contribute to a positive work environment and enhance our reputation."



We look forward to continuing the momentum and bringing success and confidence to the students for the start to the 2023-2024 school year!

You can help us in a few different ways:

1 In Person: Drop off new, unused supplies at one of our Red Apple Supplies donation boxes located on the first floor near the Golf entrance or on the second floor near Reception.

You may donate up until August 23, 2023.

2 Donate: Join the Boca Grove team and make an impact by purchasing a backpack filled with essential school supplies by clicking [here](#).

3 Amazon Wish List: Shop the Education Foundation's Amazon Wish List by clicking [here](#). All purchased Amazon items will be shipped directly to our Red Apple Supplies location to be distributed to teachers.

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