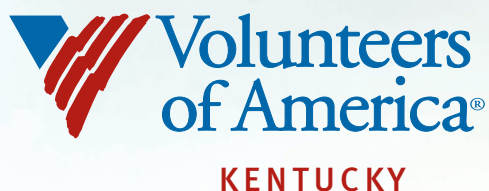


Going to school  
can be exciting.

If you're homeless,  
it can be embarrassing.

A backpack can make  
all the difference.



More than 29,000 children are homeless in Kentucky at some time during the year.\*

Many homeless families cannot afford to buy their children the school supplies they need, much less pay for the school clothing they deserve or the fees for the field trips that are offered.

Children experiencing homelessness are four times more likely to show delayed development and twice as likely to have learning disabilities as other children\*.

***Give a "Power of 1" Gift – Back-to-School with a Backpack***

\*The National Center on Family Homelessness, 2009

**VOLUNTEERS OF  
AMERICA KENTUCKY  
HAS BEEN HELPING  
HOMELESS FAMILIES  
FOR 25 YEARS,  
PROVIDING EMERGENCY  
SHELTER, COUNSELING,  
AND SUPPORT  
SERVICES.**

We provide a safe and stable place to call home while parents sort through the personal or economic problems that led to homelessness. We then help families find permanent housing and provide the support they need to succeed.

In the meantime, our professional staff work with children and their parents and teachers to ensure all their needs are met, from their most basic needs to their learning needs. But we need your help for children like Monica\*.

Seven-year-old Monica came to our Family Emergency Shelter in the winter wearing a thin coat and no socks. Her mother told us Monica had been carrying her books to school in a pillowcase because she did not have a bookbag. You should have seen her beaming smile when she boarded the school bus with her new backpack and wearing a new coat and socks.

***You can help all of our Monica's.  
A "Power of 1" gift can change the life of a child.***

\* The name has been changed to protect the confidentiality of our clients

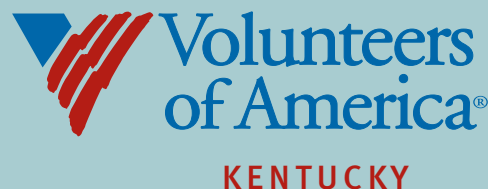
**\$25** helps provide  
back-to-school supplies

**\$50** helps provide a  
backpack full of supplies

**\$100** helps pay for field trips  
during the school year

**\$150** helps provide school  
clothing or uniforms

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