



UNITED WAY TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

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PEAPACK-GLADSTONE BANK AND UNITED WAY PARTNERING TO GIVE CHILDREN IN NEED A GOOD START AT SCHOOL

For **ALICE**[®] (**A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed) and poverty-level families already struggling to afford the basics, providing necessary school supplies can be a financial hardship. This year will be an even bigger challenge due to the pandemic. *United Way Tools for School* is an annual school supplies drive that helps ensure students receive the tools needed for academic success. **YOU can help thousands of elementary and middle school students—whether they are learning from home or at school—begin the school year prepared.**

Local schools and nonprofits are already seeing an increase in families who need help affording supplies. Along with the typical school supplies collected each year, we are also asking for masks and hand sanitizer.

THREE WAYS TO HELP

OPTION 1: SHOP VIRTUALLY

Purchase much-needed supplies online through YouGiveGoods, an organization Peapack-Gladstone Bank and United Way has partnered with for this drive. Purchased school supplies are sent to United Way for distribution to local students within our regional footprint. To donate to Peapack-Gladstone Bank's drive, [click here](#).

OPTION 2: MAKE A DONATION

The easiest way to support this year's drive is to make a monetary donation. Then let us take care of the rest! To donate, [click here](#).

OPTION 3: RUN A COLLECTION DRIVE

Collect School Supplies

Ask friends, family, and neighbors to donate **new supplies** from the list below. Many schools have volunteer requirements, which also makes this a great way to get the kids involved! In addition to the list below, we also accept gift cards to local stores for children's clothing and shoes.

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| ■ Backpacks | ■ Erasers | ■ Pencils/pens |
| ■ Binders/3-ring notebooks | ■ Filler paper | ■ Pencil sharpeners |
| ■ Book covers | ■ Glue | ■ Personal care Items
(toothbrush/toothpaste) |
| ■ Calculators | ■ Hand sanitizer | ■ Pocket folders |
| ■ Colored pencils | ■ Highlighters | ■ Rulers |
| ■ Composition notebooks | ■ Index cards | ■ Scissors |
| ■ Construction paper | ■ Lunch boxes | ■ Spiral notebooks |
| ■ Cloth face masks | ■ Markers | ■ Gift cards |
| ■ Crayons | ■ Pencil cases | |

Deliver Items

Drop off collected items by **August 21, 2020** at our Somerset County office at 55 North Gaston Avenue in Somerville. To make other drop-off arrangements, please email [Lisa Galonardo](mailto:Lisa.Galonardo@unitedway.org) or call 973.993.1160, x503.

SPREAD THE WORD

Along with buying and collecting supplies, you can also make a difference by spreading the word about United Way *Tools for School*. Follow us on your social media of choice, including on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and using **#UnitedForALICE** and **#UnitedWayToolsforSchool**.

Many thanks to our friends at Peapack-Gladstone Bank for the support of United Way's Tools for School program!
