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HAPPY TO GIVE ANNOUNCES 2019 GIVING PARTNER

Each year Happy To Give (HTG) selects a local non-profit organization with whom we partner to raise funds and participate in volunteer activities. HTG is thrilled to announce our 2019 Giving Partner: **Project Backpack**.

Project Backpack is an organization of volunteers who fill backpacks that contain new emergency and comfort items for children of all ages from infant to teens. Examples of items included in the backpacks are toiletry essentials, school items, clothes and toys.

They are given to children who are removed because of abuse, neglect, inflicted trauma, or natural disaster. The children they serve are often described as sad and vulnerable by police departments and social workers. The backpacks they provide are a powerful tool to help ease the trauma as the child moves to a safe environment. The backpack tells the child that someone cares when their whole world is crashing around them.

We look forward to partnering with Project Backpack and having a meaningful impact on our community in 2019!



PROJECT BACKPACK ST. LOUIS

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: A LOOK BACK AT OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH KIDS IN THE MIDDLE

Happy To Give had our best year yet! We truly enjoyed working with our 2018 Giving Partner, Kids In The Middle (KITM). They are an incredible non-profit organization that empowers children, parents, and families during and after divorce through counseling, education and support. Offering the most comprehensive and expert counseling in the field, KITM is the only non-profit service provider in the St. Louis region with the unique specialization of working with children “in the middle” of their parents’ separation and divorce.

Through our partnership and collaborative efforts with Kids In The Middle, Happy To Give donated a record setting \$35,000 from the net proceeds of our events and general donations. We grossed over \$39,000 from our Annual Happy Gilmore Day Golf Tournament and \$7,000 from our Annual Trivia Night. The money we donated allowed KITM to help hundreds of children, parents, and families thrive during and after divorce through counseling, education and support. KITM turns no family away based on their inability to pay. Happy Giving!



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR OR DONATING?

Enclosed in this mailing you will find our 2019 sponsorship opportunities document, which features four different giving levels. Sponsors will receive benefits at both our annual flagship events, including our golf tournament and trivia night. You may also visit our website at www.happytogive.org or email us at happytogivestl@gmail.com.

You can also donate online by visiting our website. There is an option to donate one-time or by making recurring donations. All proceeds will benefit our 2019 Giving Partner, Project Backpack. Happy Giving!

IS VOLUNTEERING PART OF YOUR 2019 NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS?

Happy to Give is a the perfect, non-intimidating way to give back to your community. Join us at one of our upcoming events to learn about our organization and how we're raising funds to support our mission. We have plenty of events coming up this year with Project Backpack. For example, we need volunteers to help pack backpacks for an hour or two at the Project Backpack Warehouse in Bridgeton, MO. More details and dates coming soon! We're also looking for volunteers to join planning committees for our golf tournament and trivia night.

You can also join us at our upcoming Happy Hour on February 21 (see information below) to learn more, or you can visit our website at www.happytogive.org or email us at happytogivestl@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!



Shop with us on Amazon Smile and support our cause. **Click here** to get started!

2019 Upcoming Events: SAVE THE DATE!

February 21: Happy Hour @ 5:30PM

Where: The Post Sports Bar & Grill | 763 Old Ballas Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Cost: Free Appetizers & Drinks (Bring a Friend!)

July 27: 12th Annual Happy To Give Golf Tournament

Where: Florissant Golf Club | 50 Country Club Ln, Florissant, MO 63033 | Shotgun Starts at Noon

Cost: \$440 per 4 Man Scramble | Price includes cart, lunch, dinner, beer and t-shirt

November 9: 5th Annual Happy To Give Trivia Night

Where: St. Ann Parish Center | 7530 Natural Bridge Rd, St. Louis, MO 63121 | Doors open at 6:30pm

Cost: \$200 per table | 10 people per table