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To Parents of Monroe County children:

“Supplying Our Future” Backpacks for Kids in Monroe County is a group of caring people who are working to make sure every child K-12 has the school supplies necessary to start school. In this trying economy, we know there are those who need a backpack filled with the necessary supplies for school. On the other side of this letter is an application that can be turned in at The Salvation Army for your child/children for the up-coming school year. We do not require income information on the application.

We understand seeking assistance is not always easy, rest assured there are many caring people and agencies working together to help your family during these tough times. We have distribution events planned throughout the county to make it easier for you to get these needed supplies. Please check which site will be convenient for you. We will have food and fun activities planned. If your family could benefit from this program, please fill out the application form and turn it in. We will have information from many agencies that work with families available.

If you want further information on this program, you may call The Salvation Army at 734-241-0440 ext 103. We are working hard to make a successful start for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

*Wayne Ruston*

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