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# Backpack Drive at Shalom Casa de Oración

Nos complace anunciar que la propuesta presentada por Shalom Community Services para realizar una donación de 250 útiles escolares e implementos educativos a niños residentes en el West Ward de Newark, NJ fue aceptada por Prudential Foundation. Gracias al soporte económico recibido, pudimos hacer la distribución a niños de kínder a 12 grado. La actividad se hizo en las instalaciones de Shalom casa de Oración, Urban League, y dos escuelas públicas del área durante Agosto y Septiembre.



We are pleased to announce that the proposal submitted by Shalom Community Services to donate 250 backpacks and school supplies to children

residing in the West Ward of Newark was accepted by the Prudential Foundation. Thanks to the financial support received, we held a backpack drive for K-12th grade students. The distribution took place at Shalom House of Prayer facilities, Urban League Early Childhood Education daycare, and two local public schools during August and September.

## Gratitudes

Destacamos la asesoría brindada por el Dr. Reinaldo Santiago, para detectar esta oportunidad y apoyarnos durante el proceso de aplicación. El Dr. Santiago ofrece servicio voluntario a nuestra agencia identificando oportunidades para su crecimiento y desarrollo. Sin su colaboración el éxito de este proyecto no hubiera sido posible. Gracias!



Sr. Dir. Workforce Dev. and Emp't Services  
at The Arc of Union Cnty.

We highlight the guidance provided by Dr. Reynaldo Santiago to find this opportunity and support us during the application process. Dr. Santiago offers voluntary service to our agency, identifying opportunities for its growth and development. Without his collaboration, the success of this project would not have been possible. Thank you!

# August 6, 2023



Se completo la primera parte de nuestra jornada de repartición a la comunidad! Estupendo tiempo, donación de maletines y elementos estudiantiles en colaboración con Shalom Casa de Oración. Agradecemos a todos los voluntarios que trabajaron arduamente con nosotros para sacar este programa adelante.



We completed the first portion of our distribution to the community! We had a fantastic time including the donation of the bookbags and school supplies in collaboration with Shalom House of Prayer. We are grateful to the volunteers who worked hard to help us bring this program to life.



# August 16, 2023

En una segunda entrega de útiles escolares trabajamos en cooperación con la Dra. Heather Wilson, Directora del pre-escolar de Urban League of Essex County. Agradecemos a la Dra. Wilson por su amabilidad y esfuerzo por realizar esta actividad beneficiando a los niños que estudian en ese centro.

For a second Backpack drive event, we worked in collaboration with Dr. Heather Wilson, Director of Early Childhood Education of the Urban League of Essex County. We thank Dr. Wilson for her kindness and effort to help the parents and children who attend their center.



Pictured here are Dr. Heather Wilson, Director of Early Childhood Education Urban League and Elizabeth Vasquez, Director of Shalom Community Services



# September 15, 2023

Una tercera jornada de donacion de utiles escolares se realizo en Essex County School of Technology Payne-Tech. Agradecemos la gentil colaboración de Rosi Hermida, District Parent Coordinador, de Essex County Schools of Technology.



A third Backpack Drive event was held at Essex County School of Technology Payne-Tech. We appreciate the kind collaboration of Rosi Hermida, District Parent Coordinator, Essex County Schools of Technology.



# GRACIAS!

A nuestro patrocinador, the Prudential Foundation, y todos nuestros partners, donadores, y voluntarios!



# THANK YOU!

To our grant sponsor, the Prudential Foundation, and all our partners, donors, and volunteers!



## Prudential Financial



# Testimony/ Testimonio

María Luisa es una niña de 11 años que llegó a este país con su mamá hace unos pocos meses. No tienen ningún familiar en este país. Entró a la escuela sin maletín ni útiles escolares. Una maestra al ver que no tenía nada para la escuela le regaló un cuaderno y un lápiz mientras conseguía las demás cosas que necesitaba. En la misma escuela les dijeron que iban a regalarles maletines, pero las semanas pasaron y María Luisa no recibió nada.

Justo por esos días casualmente conocimos a la madre de María Luisa, quien nos comentó la situación. Nosotros muy contentos le informamos que SCS estaba regalando maletines y útiles escolares. Ese mismo día, mamá e hija vinieron a nuestra sede y María Luisa escogió el maletín de su preferencia. La niña salió muy contenta y al siguiente día fue a la escuela con su maletín y las cosas que necesitaba para estudiar.

Fue una agradable sorpresa encontrar por el camino a alguien que estaba necesitando lo que nosotros estábamos ofreciendo. Fue como una pieza de un rompecabezas que armonizó perfectamente en el lugar y tiempo oportuno, gracias a Dios que con su sabiduría hace esto posible.

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María Luisa is an 11-year-old girl who arrived in this country with her mother a few months ago. They do not have any family in this country. She started school without a backpack or school supplies. A teacher, seeing she had nothing for school, gave her a notebook and a pencil while she got the other things she needed. At the same school, she was told that they were going to give her a backpack, but the weeks passed and María Luisa received nothing. Just around those days we coincidentally met María Luisa's mother, who told us about the situation. We were very happy to inform her that SCS was giving away backpacks and school supplies. That same day, the mother and daughter came to our headquarters and María Luisa chose the backpack of her liking. She left very happy and the next day she went to school with her backpack and the things she needed to study.

It was a pleasant surprise to randomly find someone who was in need of exactly what we had. It was like a piece of a puzzle that harmonized perfectly in the right place and time. Thank God, who with His wisdom, made this possible.

# Donation Closet



Debido al gran número de inmigrantes que están llegando a nuestra ciudad, hemos abierto provisionalmente un closet donde tenemos ropa nueva y de segunda en buenas condiciones. Esta ropa para mujeres, hombres y niños, es donada a aquellos inmigrantes que recientemente llegaron de sus países de origen y están en necesidad. Agradecemos a todas las personas que han donado ropa para este closet y en especial Viviana Sepulveda, una organizadora profesional quien además de donar ropa, dono su tiempo y habilidades para organizar el closet. Muchas gracias a ella y su familia por trabajar en equipo para dejar el closet listo para las personas que lo necesiten.

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Due to the large number of immigrants that are arriving in our city, we have opened a provisional closet where we have new and secondhand clothes in good condition. These clothes for women, men, and children are donated to immigrants who recently arrived from their native countries and are in need. We thank all the people who have donated clothes for this closet, especially Viviana Sepulveda, a professional organizer, who, in addition to donating clothes, donated her time and skill to organize the closet. Many thanks to her and her family for working as a team to leave the closet ready for those who need it.



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