

2021 WAGE Center Backpack Partnership



The WAGE Center received a generous donation of 60 backpacks through our very own Tim Diamond, who also works as a Project Manager for the City of Watervliet, Watervliet Mayor Charles Patricelli, Watervliet City Council and Fidelis Care. WAGE Center staff were able to fill the bags with school supplies and offer them to our FSS (Family Self Sufficiency) program families for children in their households. Filled backpacks were distributed to 50 children in FSS families and 10 additional were donated to our neighbors in a classroom at Giffen Elementary School.

Family Self Sufficiency is a program offered to Albany Housing Authority residents and Albany Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients who, through goal setting and increased work income, achieve personal goals. All goals are set toward attaining self-sufficiency. Goals are geared toward homeownership, vehicle purchase and educational pursuits among others. Participants meet with the Program Coordinator to set goals and plan for steps to achieve them along the way. For more information, please call The WAGE Center at 518-380-5600.



Distribution was made available September 1-3, so that students and families could get a start on their back-to-school supplies lists before the beginning of classes after the Labor Day Holiday. Much thanks to the benefactors who made this possible for our program families.