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11-YEAR-OLD ACTIVIST TEAMS UP WITH NONPROFIT TO ASSIST THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Over 15,000 backpacks filled with school supplies scheduled to be distributed to a community in need.

Flint, Michigan, August 14, 2018 – [Pack Your Back](#) and 11-year-old local activist, ‘Little Miss Flint’ Mari Copeny have joined forces to provide support to thousands of students and teachers for the start of the 2018/2019 school year.

Select schools throughout Flint, Michigan will be the recipients of over 10,000 STATE backpacks, filled with supplies for success, that will be distributed to each student on the first day of school. “The only way a student can succeed in the classroom is by having the proper tools and resources needed to do so,” said Galen Miller, Executive Director of Pack Your Back.

Students who do not attend these select schools can still receive a backpack and supplies from a School Supply Distribution on August 31 at the Mott Community College Event Center starting at 4:00 p.m. The remaining 5,000+ backpacks will be distributed at this event on a first come, first serve basis.

In addition to backpacks, Pack Your Back and Little Miss Flint will be providing support to teachers in Flint, Michigan by creating an online database where teachers can request items that are needed for their classrooms.

“Teachers often carry the burden of purchasing school supplies for their classrooms due to the lack of funding,” said Galen Miller, Executive Director of Pack Your Back. “We are eager and grateful for the opportunity to assist not only students, but teachers as well.”

Pack Your Back and Little Miss Flint have facilitated programming that has already impacted over 5,000 people throughout Flint in 2018 including distribution of water, bicycles and school supplies, among other items.

For a list of schools directly receiving support, please visit www.packyourback.org.

For more information, contact Galen Miller at media@packyourback.org or visit our website www.packyourback.org

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Media opportunities are available on the first day of classes for schools in Flint, Michigan. If your network is interested in coverage on the first day of school, please contact Galen Miller at (877) 932-5277 Ext. 701.

Pack Your Back: Pack Your Back was started by a group of CMU students and alumni in March 2016 and were officially approved as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in May 2016. They began collecting funds and school supplies to donate to the children of Flint and beyond.

For questions about school supplies, email students@packyourback.org or call (877) 932-5277 Ext. 1.

STATE Bags: STATE was created to address the immediate needs of local children living with challenging – and in some cases critical - circumstances. For every STATE bag purchased, STATE hand-delivers a backpack - packed with essential tools for success - to a local child in need. The STATE Mission: To make beautiful, well-made, inclusively cool product while using the power of business to give back and shift narratives around social injustices.

For more information on STATE Bags, visit www.statebags.com.