

Communities in Schools opens Pack the Bus donation campaign

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The community is being asked to help provide school supplies for students in need.

Communities In Schools (CIS) of South Central Texas has kicked off its 18th annual Pack the Bus campaign. Throughout July, area businesses, churches and organizations are collecting school supplies for students in the Comal and New Braunfels school districts for the 2013-14 school year.

The campaign serves as a prelude to the annual Pack the Bus event on Aug. 10 at the New Braunfels, Bulverde and Schertz HEBs. On that day, school buses will be parked in front of the stores while CIS staff and board members take donations and provide program information.

Donations collected at these sites will be distributed by CIS to campuses and made available to any student who needs help with school supplies. These supplies also are made available throughout the year as needed.

District officials said the campaign is helpful in ensuring all their students are equally equipped to learn.

“School supplies are an important symbol of the excitement that a new school year brings,” Comal ISD spokeswoman Julie Jerome. “We are grateful to the Pack the Bus team for their gifts of school supplies so all of our students can share the excitement and be prepared for a new school year.”

NBISD’s Stephanie Ferguson said Pack the Bus “helps to ensure all students are prepared to begin the school year confident that they have all needed supplies.”

Needed supplies this year include 1- and 2-inch binders, large and small backpacks, wide-ruled composition books, low-odor dry erase markers, plastic and regular folders with brads and pockets, binder divider tabs, washable markers, Fiskar brand scissors, colored pencils, pencil bags or boxes, water colors, construction paper and manila paper.

School supplies and donations also can be dropped off at the CIS office, 161 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels.

Call CIS at (830) 620-4247 for information.