



THE PETTENGILL HOUSE, INC.
Children & Family Services

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To the Editor:

The Pettengill House, Inc. would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the community for the incredible support we received for our tenth annual Operation Backpack program! This annual backpack and school supplies collection drive supports Pettengill's School Link Service program. The goal is for all children to attend school ready to learn, every day. Through the generous donations from schools, businesses, organizations, individuals, families and faith communities, we were able to distribute 354 new backpacks filled with new school supplies to local children in need. This brings our ten year total to over 4,100 backpacks! We will continue to distribute backpacks on an as needed basis throughout the school year.

In addition to individuals, groups and businesses who donated to this program, there were 35 locations in 8 communities that helped make this possible! We would like to thank the following places that agreed to have bins placed and serve as collection sites: Amesbury Public Library, Flatbread Company, Stone Ridge Properties locations, Stop & Shop, Supercuts locations, Unity on the River, Seeds of Hope Mission Church, Port Church, Hope Community Church, Marshalls, The Dance Place, Walgreens, Greater Newburyport Mother and Families Club, YWCA of Greater Newburyport, Latitude Sports Clubs, Tom's Discount, Walmart, Dollar Tree, West Newbury Food Mart, and all the participating bank branches of The Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, The Provident Bank and Institution for Savings throughout our many communities .

We would like to acknowledge our dedicated volunteers who donated their time to collect supplies at the above sites: Kristin Nelson, Devin Cowhig, Annette Barry, Elizabeth Richards, Karin and Hailey Parker, Stephanie Conover, Nick and Lisa Sundstrom, Maria Chanin, Coastal Connections, Lea Healey and Cole Cross. A special thank you to our local school partners who were so helpful in providing district wide communication to families and faculty.

On behalf of Deborah Smith, Executive Director, as well as our staff, clients and the Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to Operation Backpack. The joint support, generosity, and collaboration we received from the community enabled area children to start this year prepared for school and ready to learn!

Sincerely,

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