



# CWS Bright Futures Backpacks



Right now, there are hundreds of unaccompanied children that need your support. Most of these children have seen intense violence and were forced to flee their home countries with what little they could carry. After traveling thousands of miles full of uncertainty, these children are gearing up for their newest journey here in the United States: school! For any child, the start of school comes with both nerves and excitement. For children who are new to this country and don't have school supplies, however, it can feel terrifying and lonely.

That's why we need your help! With your support, we will distribute CWS Bright Futures Backpacks to newly arrived children. Each backpack will help welcome children ages 14+ and give them the courage and supplies they need to feel prepared and ready for success as they enter their new school.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One Backpack – Standard 18"
- One 1 Inch, 3-Ring binder with dividers
- 2-Pocket folders (minimum of 2, any Color)
- Single Subject Notebooks (minimum of 3, no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- Pens (minimum of 5, blue or black)
- Pre-sharpened #2 Pencils (minimum of 12)
- Erasers (minimum of 2)
- Sharpie Highlighters (minimum of 2, yellow)
- 100-Count of Post it Notes (minimum of 2, any color, 3x3 Inch)
- BiC Whiteouts (minimum of 1)
- One 12-inch ruler
- One Reusable Water Bottle – at least 24 oz
- Ruled Index cards (totaling 300 count)
- Hand Sanitizer (minimum of 2, 2oz travel size)



CWS client, Pedro, stands outside CWS office in Miami

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SUPPLIES MUST BE BOUGHT NEW!! WE ONLY ACCEPT FULL PACKAGES!!**

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

1. **For a more hands-on approach:** You can purchase all the items in our wish list above, assemble the Bright Futures Backpacks yourself, and then drop them off to our CWS office.
2. **If you have limited time:** You can purchase all the items in our wish list online from your vendor of choice and ship it to one our CWS office for us to assemble.

*An average backpack costs \$50, but with thrifty shopping or buying in bulk, you might be able to source it for less*

## LOCATION:

CWS Northern California, 1575 Treat Blvd. Ste 100, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

If you have questions, would like to get involved, or need more information please email us at [jwelle@cwsglobal.org](mailto:jwelle@cwsglobal.org).