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## 12Stone supply drive to benefit thousands of Gwinnett students Community giving... a key to student success

In two short weeks, Georgia's largest school system, **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)**, kicks off a new school year welcoming more than 180,000 students. To ensure that students get off to a great start, members of Gwinnett's **12Stone Church sponsored a school supply drive that collected more than 23,000 in donated items**, including book bags, composition subject notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters, hand sanitizers, binders, calculators and more. <https://12stone.com/>

GCPS locations where students will receive supplies include **Meadowcreek Elementary, International Transition Center, Rockbridge Elementary, Baldwin Elementary, Sweetwater Middle, Radloff Middle, Berkmar Middle, Richards Middle, Meadowcreek High, Berkmar High, Central Gwinnett High, GIVE Center East, and GIVE Center West.**

"It is an honor to help children in our community," expressed Jaclyn Hurst with Outreach Ministries of 12 Stone, [jaclyn.hurst@12stone.com](mailto:jaclyn.hurst@12stone.com). She also added a special thank you to the **Central Gwinnett High School basketball team** for their contribution to this project. "These young men and their coach, **Eddie Hood**, (along with GCPS Foundation staffers) took time out of their summer break to sort and pack the donations, working tirelessly in the heat for no other reason than to serve others. That is what it is all about!"



*Members of the Central Gwinnett High basketball team along with Foundation staffers Donna Zimmer and Daniele Aurandt.*

**Aaron Lupuloff**, senior executive director of the GCPS Foundation, agrees and is thankful for 12Stone's support. He explains, "This is the second year that 12Stone members have conducted this drive and they increased the number of items donated over the prior year by three hundred percent!" He shares that additional donations are needed, and the community is encouraged to participate in the work to support student achievement and our schools. Companies, community groups, or individuals seeking to help should contact **Donna Zimmer**, community specialist with Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation, at 678-301-7287 or [donna\\_zimmer@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:donna_zimmer@gwinnett.k12.ga.us).

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