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Freddie Woolfork and GYAC children with last year's donated school supplies.

GIFFORD - Do you spend your summers wondering how to get the next year's school supplies for your child? If not, count yourself lucky. Many Indian River County families struggle to properly prepare their children for school.

Through August 4, Gifford Youth Achievement Center is collecting school supplies for needy families.

GYAC will accept school supplies weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 4875 43rd Ave., Vero Beach. Donations can also be dropped off at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Northern Trust Bank, Disney Resort, Living Lord Lutheran Church, Piper Aircraft, Indian River County School District Transportation Department, Indian River Medical Center, and The Community Church.

Supplies will then be distributed to families at GYAC's Back to School Bash on August 5, from 9-11 a.m.

You can browse the elementary and middle school supply lists posted at www.GYAC.net (and the school websites) for ideas. Different grades require different supplies. As examples, 6th grade students will need a 12-inch ruler, wide-ruled white 3-ring paper, a composition book, number 2 pencils, highlighters, colored pencils, blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel pens), and folders.

Eighth grade students need many of those same items but also graph paper and an inexpensive calculator with square root capability.

High school students will be given individualized lists in their classrooms on the first day of school. At a minimum they will need an organizational binder, writing tools and a calculator.

Teachers in all grade levels also appreciate donations of tissue and hand sanitizer.

Tax-deductible cash donations to purchase those needed items that are not donated are also welcome.

If you would like your donated supplies to be picked up, or if you would like to volunteer, email GYAC Director of Public Relations and Facilities Operations Freddie Woolfork at fwoolfork@gyac.net or call (772) 794-1005 ext. 234 before August 4.