

# Luminaries

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## BACK TO SCHOOL WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS

**Gifford Youth Achievement Center distributes more than 900 backpacks full of supplies**

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# Gifford Youth Achievement Center provides more than 900 backpacks with supplies to students

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Linda Wilmot Scott of Sunrise Rotary Vero Beach at the Back to School Bash. Sunrise Rotary members volunteered at the event.

Gifford Youth Achievement Center provided more than 900 students with backpacks loaded with school supplies at its Back to School Bash Aug. 5.

This is the 19th year Freddie Woolfork, GYAC Director of Public Relations, and Facilities Operations have organized the event since the center opened in 1998.

The community endeavor requires dozens of volunteers and donors of school supplies.

**Donors of school supplies included:** Holy Cross Catholic Church, Natalie's Orchid Island Juice, Gould Cooksey & Fennell, Northern Trust Bank, Disney Resort, Living Lord Lutheran Church, Piper Aircraft, Indian River County School District Transportation Department, Indian River Medical Center, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Community Church.

**Volunteers included:** Members of Alpha Kapa Alpha ETA ETA Chapter, Department of Juvenile Justice (State of FL), Science Institute of Discovery, Disney Vero Beach Resort, Beyond Special K (Adult/Senior Program), Gifford Progressive Civic League, Gifford Youth Orchestra, GYAC Volunteers, Linda Morgan, Vero Beach Sunrise Rotary, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Lambda Beta Zeta Chapter, and many other individuals who came to help with smiles on their faces.

**Speakers at the event included:** GYAC Executive Director Angelia Perry, Freddie Woolfork, County Commissioner Joe Flescher, School District Assistant Supervisor of Operations John Teske, County Administrator Jason Brown, Science Institute of Discovery founder Margaret Ingram and Major Eric Flowers of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office.

Gifford Youth Achievement Center is at 4875 43rd Avenue in Gifford. It's a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization and a United Way agency. To learn more about its After-School Education and programs, visit [www.GYAC.net](http://www.GYAC.net)

**On The Cover:**

Executive Director Angelia Perry, Aundrea Perry, Annette Reason and Denise Smith helped provide more than 900 students with backpacks loaded with school supplies during the Back to School Bash Aug. 5 at the Gifford Youth Achievement Center.



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John Teske, Jerome Phamphile, Jason Brown, Joe Flescher, Major Eric Flowers and Linda Morgan attended the Back to School Bash in Gifford.



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