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Kewaunee County Fills Hundreds of Backpacks for Local Kids

KEWAUNEE, WI – More than 15,000 donated school supplies were made available for Kewaunee County kids to choose from at the annual Back to School Program, organized by the Kewaunee County Public Health Department.

This year, approximately 300 kids were able to pick up backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, folders, crayons, markers, colored pencils, scissors, glue, tissues, shoes, and decorate 'Thank You' notes for donors on Wednesday, August 15th at Lakehaven Hall.

The Back to School Program aims to provide some of the required school supplies for children of families in need in Kewaunee County. The families who qualify for assistance are those on WIC, Food Share or Badger Care as well as those who partake in the free or reduced breakfast or lunch programs or have found themselves in an emergency situation.

“This is a much needed program for Kewaunee County and community support that we receive continues to grow by leaps and bounds each year,” says Cindy Kinnard, RN, Director of the Kewaunee County Public Health Department. “We have had some really generous donors come forward through the years and this time around we would like to send special thanks to the person who unanimously donated more than \$1,000 worth of supplies as well as the couple who collected supplies at their wedding and went shopping with their wedding gift money for even more items.”

The Kewaunee County Public Health Department would also like to recognize area businesses and churches who helped collect supplies by putting out donation boxes as well as the dozens of volunteers who help out on distribution day.

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