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make a BIG difference  
in Quad City area  
students' first day of  
school!



QUAD CITY-WIDE

# FIRST DAY Project

## Student School Supply Drive



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## First Day Project: Student Supply Drive Unites Quad Cities

Area public schools, volunteer groups and local post offices are coordinating school supply drives in the Quad Cities through the First Day Project: Quad City-Wide Student Supply Drive. The project has two dates in the Quad City area when local residents can leave school supply donations by their mail box. U.S. Postal carriers will pick up the supplies during their route. The supplies will then be sorted and distributed to students in need.

The collection day for **Coal Valley, Colona, East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis** is **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**. The collection day is **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** for **Bettendorf, Blue Grass, Buffalo, Davenport, LeClaire, Pleasant Valley, and Walcott**.

"It's a great success to have the Quad-City area come together in such a large collaborative effort to benefit students in need of school supplies," said Karen Farley, Communications Director, Davenport Community School District. "Local organizations that have their own histories of school supply drives are

collaborating to create a community-wide effort. Local postmasters and their offices, as well as area postal carriers, have been essential in the effort and very supportive.”

“The post offices are excited to be involved,” said Terry Fitzgerald, Postmaster, East Moline Post Office. “We are hoping our communities are generous in helping support this worthy cause for kids.”

The First Day Project unites the school supplies drives of the East Moline First Day Fund, Inc., Davenport Community Schools/Davenport Diocese First Class Project, Zonta First Day Fund (serving Rock Island and Moline students, and Bettendorf Community School District’s S.O.S. (Supply Our Students).

Postcards are being delivered to residents a week to ten days prior to their respective collection day. The postcards will have their collection date, ask residents to place school supplies in a bag near their mail box, and a list of general items needed including: notebook paper, pens, tissues, backpacks, spiral notebooks, crayons, pencil boxes, dry erase markers, colored pencils, pencils, scissors, watercolor paints, pocket folders, glue sticks, erasers, washable makers, composition notebooks. Residents may also write a check as a way of donation. They may send their check c/o the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, 111 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Suite 710, Davenport, IA 52801. Monetary donations can be designated to a particular school district if noted on the check.

The postcards and some posters are being funded through a grant from The Community Foundation of the Greater River Bend, and a donation from Dentistry Unlimited.

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**New Feature this Year!!! . . . PACK THE BUS with School Supplies  
on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Quad City Radio Group – 3535 East Kimberly Road  
(Illinois Location To be Determined – more information coming)**

The community can help us boost our supply collections this year by stopping by the Quad City Radio Group parking lot with donations of school supplies. We’ll be looking to “Pack the School Bus” with supplies for the coming school year – so watch for those early sales and help us stock up on pens, pencils, notebooks, pocket folders, backpacks, crayons, colored pencils, pencil boxes, erasers, washable markers, tissues, dry erase markers, composition notebooks and more. Several of our schools start special programs earlier in the summer and will benefit from this mid-July boost!