



CISV Pittsburgh is once again working with AJAPO to provide fully furnished backpacks for children of refugee families being resettled in Pittsburgh. New, used, or clean backpacks that are in very good shape (no holes, have all of their parts) are welcome. And feel free to raid your supply drawers for school supplies. Please make sure backpacks are GENDER NEUTRAL if purchased new.

Current Needs:

Kids ages 5-9: fully loaded backpacks (smaller if possible for the smaller bodies)

Kids ages 10-17: fully loaded backpacks

Timing:

Ongoing

Logistics:

Backpacks and supplies can be brought to this year's Chapter Retreat on September 12 or to our October 4 chapter meeting.

[Elaine Hyder](#) will also be happy to take packs and supplies at her house in Squirrel Hill. Please contact her if you would like to arrange to drop off a backpack.

Supply List for the Backpack Project:

- Backpacks - new (gender neutral) or like new, with straps
- Pencils
- Pencil Pouches
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Pens
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Books
- 3-ring Binders
- Pocket Folders
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Child Scissors
- Rulers
- USB Flash Drives (Middle and High School)

SPECIAL REQUEST!

A family from Nepal has a daughter that is excelling in math and has qualified for a college-level trigonometry class. Supply costs will be approximately \$180. If you feel inclined to include a monetary gift towards helping this family, please include it in a separate envelope and give to Elaine Hyder. Thank you!