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## Inflation Concerns Create Challenges for Back-To-School Drive

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GL Homes Senior Director of Community Relations Sarah Alsofrom and Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Public Outreach Manager Melissa Marks with Club members. (Photo credit: Tracey Benson Photography)

The GL Homes and Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Back To School Drive ensures all children will have the supplies needed to start the new school year.

West Palm Beach, FL – GL Homes and Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County continues its back-to-school drive with a strong push to increase donations, with the goal of collecting enough backpacks stuffed with school supplies for thousands of Club members in the community. With new economic pressures due to increasing inflation, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is facing an enormous challenge as it aims to collect enough backpacks and school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year.

“Our goal is to make sure that our Club families don’t have to worry about the expenses of brand new backpacks and school supplies and that every Club member is well-equipped for success in the classroom, said GL Homes Senior Director of Community Relations Sarah Alsofrom. “Due to the historic achievement gap and the inflation in the economy it’s important to have ample support for children in the community who need it most.”

The GL Homes and Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Back To School Drive started June 1 and will run through August 1. Drop-off locations for backpacks and school supplies are located throughout Palm Beach County, including multiple Seacoast Bank branches, Starbucks stores and Palm Beach County Library System locations. Donations can also be made virtually at [www.bgcpcb.org/btsdrive](http://www.bgcpcb.org/btsdrive).

“Backpacks and school supplies are essential items for our Club members’ success in the classroom,” said President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Jaene Miranda. “Without these necessary items, our Club members will not be able to overcome the achievement gap caused by the pandemic. We count on our community partners to help us in forwarding our mission to ensure all children meet their full potential.”

Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County continues to assist families who live below the poverty line, and it is critical that 2,400 stuffed backpacks are collected to ensure that all Club members are prepared to achieve during the new school year. With the GL Homes and Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Back To School Drive, thousands of children throughout Palm Beach County can enter the 2022-2023 school year with full confidence.

Drop-off locations open to the public can be found at this [link](#). Donations can also be made virtually by purchasing backpacks stuffed with needed school supplies for only \$10 per backpack by visiting [here](#).

### About Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

Founded in 1971, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is a not-for-profit youth development organization dedicated to promoting the educational, vocational, health, leadership and character of boys and girls in a safe, nurturing environment. The Clubs provide more than a safe, fun, and constructive alternative to being home alone – they offer a variety of award-winning developmental programs to help youth build skills, self-esteem and values during critical periods of growth. The 17 Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Palm Beach County serve more than 10,000 children ages 6-18. For more information, please visit [www.bgcpcb.org](http://www.bgcpcb.org) or call 561-683-3287