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ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE ON YOUTH ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY CLOSET

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Office on Youth is now collecting school supplies for the coming school year. Over the past 15+ years, the Office on Youth has distributed school supplies to families in need free of charge. Additionally, the children are given available supplies that are included on their individual school's grade supply request list no matter which Orange County School the youth may be attending. This year, the school lists have been streamlined across all elementary schools and across the middle and high schools. The list of items needed this year is listed below.

We are again asking for help in continuing this community service because we know this project is successful each year due to the generous donations Orange County citizens and businesses have made to our important cause. This year will be especially hard on many of our families due to COVID-19. As we have done in the past, we have partnered with local businesses to have donation bins on-site starting Monday, August 3, 2020, anyone wishing to donate supplies can do so without having to drive to the Office on Youth. The following sites have been designated as drop-off locations for donations, including the Office on Youth, with more possibly being added:

Town of Gordonsville

Blue Ridge Bank
Gordonsville Library
Family Dollar
Virginia Community Bank
Your Gordonsville Pharmacy (400 W. Gordon Ave.)

Locust Grove/Unionville

Dollar General – Locust Grove Town Center
Dollar General – Unionville
Wilderness Library
Clearwater Grill

Town of Orange

Blue Ridge Bank
Dollar General – James Madison Hwy.
Faye's Office Supplies
Orange County Administration Building
Orange County Office on Youth
Orange County Tourism (Train Depot)
Orange Library

2020 School Supply Items Needed:

- Composition Books (Marble Notebooks)
- Pencil Boxes
- Pencils – packs of 12
- Scissors
- Glue sticks – LOTS
- Markers – Broad tip
- Dry Erase Markers
- Crayons – 24 pack
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Notebook Paper
- Folders w/ 2 pockets

Distribution of school supplies will begin Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The Office on Youth will be open for citizens to come in for supplies Wednesday, August 19th to Friday, August 21st, from 9:00 a.m.



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to 5:00 p.m. This year's distribution will look very different due to COVID-19 and the need to social distance. All items will be handed out through the Office on Youth which is limited to one (1) person at a time in the office lobby, therefore, causing extended wait times.

In addition, the Office on Youth is partnering again with the Lake of the Woods Church who is hosting a pick-up location in Locust Grove for citizens to come in for supplies that live on the eastern end of Orange County. The times for distribution at this location will be posted on the Orange County website, <http://orangecountyva.gov/287/School-Supplies>, once they are finalized

Supply selections may be limited, and we may not be able to fill everything on your child's list. Please be advised that you will only be able to obtain supplies at one (1) of the two (2) locations as we must ensure we can help as many kids as we possibly can. As we did last year, proof of need will be required for anyone asking for assistance.

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