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**WHAT:** Giveaway of nearly 2,200 backpacks filled with supplies

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 12 from 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Jeffco Schools warehouse, 809 Quail St., Bldg. 1, Lakewood, 80226

**BACK PACKS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED**

Over 2,200 backpacks filled with school supplies, non-perishable food, essentials like toothpaste, deodorant and combs, along with children's books are being given to Colorado's neediest students.

Staff from school districts around the state will pick up backpacks to deliver to students experiencing homelessness in their schools.

Jeffco Schools' Homeless Services department and the Colorado Department of Education partnered with *Feed the Children* to distribute two truckloads of backpacks to homeless education liaisons from around the state.

"Jeffco reported over 2,800 students experiencing homelessness last year," said Jessica Hansen. "By giving out these basic necessities, we help Jeffco students from going without and that helps our students function at their highest in the classroom."

H.E.L.P. or Homeless Education and Literacy Program, an outreach program of *Feed The Children*, has partnered with the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) to distribute backpacks to children in need.

To learn more about the backpack program and breaking the cycle of poverty through *Feed The Children's* focus to F.E.E.D. (Food, Education, Essentials and Disaster Relief), please visit

[www.FeedTheChildren.org/Education](http://www.FeedTheChildren.org/Education)