



In a heartwarming display of community involvement, members of VAMA | Central Virginia have once again teamed up with VCU's Ultimate Backpack Supply Drive for the third consecutive year.

In preparation, **22 communities** set up **collection sites**, which served as essential hubs for the donation of school supplies, ensuring that every child in the Greater Richmond area has access to essential learning tools.

A whopping **2,778 school supplies** were collected at member communities, from industry professionals and their residents alike. Alongside these material contributions, VAMA members also raised **\$1,217.12 in monetary donations**, further supporting the effort to equip students for the upcoming academic year.



On the day of the backpack stuffing event, approximately **30 VAMA volunteers** lent their time and energy to ensure the success of the initiative. They, in alliance with various other organizations, made a significant impact. Together, these groups managed to stuff an astonishing **30,625 backpacks** with school supplies. These backpacks found their way into the hands of local students in the Greater Richmond area as well as the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU in time for their first day of school.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved and look forward to more years of making a difference, one backpack at a time.

