

Abused, neglected or abandoned children need new school supplies

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Only \$25 can provide a back to school backpack kit full of supplies to the less fortunate children in this community. These kits not only give children good quality, contemporary supplies, it also gives them confidence and pride. Your generous donation could make a huge difference in a child's school year.

There are hundreds of children in our community who are victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment, served by the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program.

The children may be living in foster care or staying with relatives who have agreed to take them in. Many of these children don't know what it's like to start school even with the basics - they have absolutely nothing. No new notebook to take notes in. no backpack, no loose leaf paper. no pencils or pens.

New school supplies are very exciting for students. Clean, fresh notebooks, markers and crayons all help get kids excited about school and eager to learn. It is so important that every single child is on equal footing the first day of school.

This is why Guardians for New Futures (GFNF) vows to provide children supported by the GAL program with good quality school supplies. For so many children, school may be their only hope, a place where they have friends, teachers and can feel good about their accomplishments. School can be a beacon of light for many underprivileged children; it provides them with support and gives them the tools they need to reach their individual potential.

Last year GFNF provided kits to close to 500 children in the Treasure Coast; donations are accepted in any amount. Donate through the website using pay pal: www.gfnf4kids.org Or send a check or money order to 546 NW University Blvd, Suite 203, Port St Lucie, 34986 and for additional information, call 772 807-3868 or email dbutler@gfnf4kids.org.

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