

Buses getting packed with school supplies

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The Communities In Schools of South Central Texas Pack the Bus school supply drive will culminate in an event on Saturday, Aug. 6, when volunteers will collect donations at HEB locations in Bulverde, Schertz and New Braunfels.

School buses will be parked at the HEB stores, where Communities In Schools staff, alumni and board members, along with volunteers from Whataburger, HD Supply and WellMed, will take donations of school supplies and monetary

is huge for their self-esteem.”

Preparing for a new school year is an exciting time, however for many families it can be financially stressful.

“I wonder if there is any one thing that evokes memories of childhood more than getting school supplies,” said Chris Douglas, CEO of Communities In Schools of South Central Texas. “I know I sure remember putting my name on all those things before going to the first day of school and feeling so ready to learn because I had all my tools. This is the same feeling we need to help all students have, by providing them with the self-confidence that having the tools for learning will give them. We are so appreciative of our community for coming together to make this possible for thousands of kids in Comal County.”

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donations and provide information on the program. HEB stores will also have tear-pad donations at their checkout registers for the next few weeks. Donations will also be accepted at the Communities In Schools office at 161 S. Castell Ave.

Communities in Schools will distribute the donations to campuses in the area, where they will be available for any student who needs help with school supplies. These supplies are also made available throughout the year as needed.

“The need is greater each year, and school supplies get more expensive each year, and the list of required supplies gets longer each year,” Christine Watson, marketing specialist with CIS, said last month. “To keep students on an even playing field with other kids

