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Supplies for school

More than half of the students in local public schools are enrolled in the federal free and reduced-meal programs. If these kids can't afford lunch, it is unlikely they can afford school supplies.

That's why Inland Empire United Way is encouraging local businesses, service clubs or other groups to host a School Tools supply drive to provide new school supplies for local low-income children.

"Thousands of kids are going back to school this year without the basic supplies they need to succeed. It's not too late to help," said Lorraine Ousley, KidSmart director at the I.E. United Way. "We are asking local businesses and community groups to host a supply drive and collect new school supplies. We primarily need 'The Basic 10' items, which include pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue (stick and bottles), spiral notebooks, loose-leaf paper, scissors, colored pencils and erasers.



"All the donated items from the supply drives will benefit low-income school children and classrooms."

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