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First Church in Oberlin
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Dear Congregation of First Church in Oberlin,

As Oberlin finds new ways to adapt to the realities of COVID-19, Oberlin Community Services continues to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our community. Currently, we are working hard on our 4th Annual Back to School Supply Drive and Give-away to continue the legacy of our beloved volunteer and board member, Jaqui Willis.

As always, Oberlin Community Services wants to ensure that each student has the necessary materials for success. To keep people safe, we have switched to a remote version of our both the Back To School Drive and Give-Away requesting monetary donations, online purchasing, and using a Drive-Thru pickup format.

Parents/Guardians can register their students for the Back To School Give-Away online at <https://www.oberlincommunityservices.org/back-to-school> or by calling our office at (440) 774-6579. **Registration closes Fri., July 31st.** The drive-thru will be held Thurs., August 13th, 1:30-4:00pm at 240 S. Main St.

There are three main ways that community organizations like you can support this year's efforts:

- Post the enclosed flyers-- detailing how to donate and register-- in your community spaces and among your congregations.
- Buy supplies for our Drive-Thru through our online Wish Lists through Amazon, Amazon Smile, and Walmart.com. To find these, visit our website at <https://www.oberlincommunityservices.org/back-to-school>.
- Donate money through our PayPal towards school supplies, or sponsor a household to receive computers and/or internet for the school year through the Oberlin City Schools and the Oberlin Cable Co-op. Find more information on our donation levels through our website.

OCS will be accepting donations through Sunday, August 9th.

As we know your congregation has continually sought to support the students of Oberlin City Schools, we write with the hope that together with organizations like yours, we will equip every student for success and support those families who have not needed our help before. Thank you for your efforts to serve the greater community and for the opportunity for Oberlin Community Services to make a real difference in the lives of students who live in Oberlin.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information to aid in your review and consideration of our request. For specific questions on how to donate, or other ways you can contribute to Back To School, you can call our offices and ask for Rosa Gadsden, our Community Outreach Coordinator, or Emily Murphy, our VISTA Media and Development Associate.

Sincerely,

Margie L. Flood

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