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Dear Community Supporter,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. On behalf of Project UP-START, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools McKinney Vento Homeless Education Program, which is dedicated to supporting unhoused or homeless youth throughout the district, I am reaching out to you with a meaningful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' most fragile students, as some of these resilient students transition to college campuses. As Project UP-START seniors are embarking on a new chapter in their lives, many of them face the challenge of not having the essential items they need for dorm living. To address this critical need, we are launching a campaign to collect duffle bags filled with dorm essentials.

We kindly request your support in making this campaign a success. By donating a duffle bag filled with dorm essential items, you can provide tangible support to these college-bound students who are facing challenging circumstances. Some suggested items to include are:

- Twin XL bedding sets (sheets, comforter, pillowcases)
- Towels and washcloths
- Shower caddy and bathroom essentials
- Laundry detergent and hamper
- Desk lamp and study supplies
- Kitchenware (microwave-safe dishes, utensils, etc.)
- Personal care items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
- School supplies (notebooks, pens, folders, etc.)
- Gift cards for groceries or other necessities

Please see attached donation request list

Your contribution, no matter the size, will be genuinely appreciated and will help alleviate the stress and financial burden these students face as they prepare for college. If you are unable to provide a full duffle bag, we welcome any individual items you can donate to help us create complete bags for these deserving students.

To ensure that these students receive the items in a timely manner, please deliver all sponsored bags to the Central Project UP-START Satellite Office located at **Lindsey Hopkins Technical College (750 NW 20th St, Room G-154, Miami, FL 33127) by Friday, February 23, 2024.**

We are truly grateful for your support in this endeavor. Your generosity will not only provide essential supplies but also bring a sense of comfort, support, and hope to these college-bound students who have experienced homelessness. Together, we can empower them to thrive academically and personally in their college environments.

If you have any questions or need further information about this donation campaign, please do not hesitate to contact me at Shaundreadixon@dadeschools.net. Thank you for considering our request, and we eagerly anticipate your support.

Warm regards,
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