

# Gather and Give Back

## OPERATION BACKPACK: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

Join us in assembling backpacks filled with school supplies for students supported by VOA Illinois. Operation Backpack is an annual drive hosted by VOA Illinois to collect backpacks and school supplies for the youth they serve, including children experiencing homelessness, children of the Veterans served by VOA Illinois, and children in all VOA Illinois youth programs.

Please consider purchasing supplies from our Amazon Wish List, joining us to pack backpacks at the event, or even both! Your support helps ensure that every child starts the year off right. Please note all supplies must be purchased by June 30th.

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026 • 1–2 PM**

My Go-To Place Village Center  
5120 Galitz Street, Skokie, IL  
Ring the bell by the red sign.

Registration required to [community.engagement@cje.net](mailto:community.engagement@cje.net)  
or 773.681.7514.

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My Go-To Place?



Click or Scan for  
our Operation  
Backpack wish  
list on Amazon.

Free and open to all. No prior experience is necessary. All supplies included. We look forward to seeing you there!

**My Go-to Place!**

**The place for camaraderie and conversation for older adults.**