

# Back To School Backpack Giveaway Gets Students Ready For The Year With Free School Supplies

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Joe Messa of Messa & Associates, founder of the Back to School Bash and Backpack Giveaway. (Credit: Hadas Kuznits)

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PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Children who might not otherwise be able to afford new [school](#) supplies were given a backpack full of goodies to get them ready for the year.

Joe Messa of Messa & Associates Law Firm hosted the second annual [Back to School](#) Bash Backpack Giveaway in Frankford.

“Well they come, they get school supplies for the year, they get a bookbag and they get supplies to go in the bookbag to take with them,” he said, “but we also try to put on a day of fun for them.”



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Why does he do it?

“Well, I think it’s important if you do well to do good, and I was born and raised in Germantown, I’m a kid from the city, and I was able to go to school and be successful  to some extent, and I think it’s important to give back to the community,” he explained.

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Inside the boys and girls club they were giving away backpacks and supplies.  
Outside there was a party, food, games and a DJ. (: Hadas Kuznits)

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Parent Nashid Edwards attended the event here at the Boys and Girls Club in Frankford. He says he's thankful his children were able to receive the free school supplies.

"Because you don't want to be the child showing up with last year's stuff," he said. "It gives the children an [opportunity](#) of being prideful of their stuff."