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Every child deserves to start the school year off with the supplies needed to learn!

Marathon County has **over 7,500 students** that are *eligible to receive a new, FREE, backpack and school supplies through the Workplace Volunteer Council's **Fill A Backpack Fill A Need (FABFAN)** project. *To be *eligible to participate in FABFAN, students must be entering 4K through 8th grade and qualify for free or reduced lunch at school based on family size and income.*

Truth be told – Covid did a number on us! Last year, we were not able to have community collection sites to receive donations of supplies. Monetary donations were significantly down (no surprise - it was a tough year for all of us!). We are in recovery mode, so now we need your help for the FABFAN project to continue to be successful! We are asking for your **monetary support** so we can “shop” the clearance isles (deeply discounted prices) at our local stores and take advantage of bulk pricing on the massive quantities of backpacks and school supplies that we need.

Last year, due to Covid concerns, we eliminated the one-day public FABFAN distribution event where families would line up to receive their FABFAN supplies from us. Instead, we worked directly with our participating schools/organizations and gave them our FABFAN goods. They then distributed the FABFAN goods in an organized, socially distanced, safe manner to their students in need. It was a GREAT SUCCESS! We learned a valuable lesson through this process – we help MORE children when we work directly with our schools/organizations to distribute.

For greater success, we will continue to work directly with our schools/organizations to distribute FABFAN goods. Don't get me wrong, we still do everything we did before and it is a SIGNIFICANT EFFORT by a small team of dedicated volunteers to get everything sorted, counted, packed, and ready for pick-up by our schools/organizations. This is a big operation requiring a big space to work in (shout out to our awesome facility sponsor – Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center)! We also need to recognize the tremendous effort by the staff of our participating schools/organizations in taking the lead to distribute FABFAN supplies to their families. They are all HEROS in our book!

Here are **some** of the schools/organizations we help:

Abbotsford School District, Athens Elementary & Middle School, Boys & Girls Club, Children's Wisconsin – Wausau office, Colby School District, D.C. Everest Area Schools, Edgar School District, Faith Christian Academy, Marathon School District, Marathon County Social Services, Mosinee School District, Rosholt School District, Newman Catholic Schools, Salvation Army's "Tools for School" Program, School District of Spencer, St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School (Athens), St. John the Baptist Catholic School (Edgar), St. Mary's School (Marathon), St. Mary's Catholic School (Colby), Stratford School District, Wausau School District, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Do you have an interest in becoming a FABFAN Sponsor? Three sponsorship levels are available. Each level provides an opportunity for you or your business to be recognized on all materials that are produced. If you choose to be a Gold level sponsor, your logo will also be included on all materials.

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\$500-\$999 donation |
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The Workplace Volunteer Council greatly appreciates your support of our signature project – FABFAN! We cannot do this without you!

Sincerely,

Workplace Volunteer Council
 Kristina Barbier
 President and 2021 FABFAN Chair

Janet Felch
 Vice President and Treasurer

The WVC is a partner project of the United Way of Marathon County with the council directing its own projects. The United Way serves as the non-profit fiscal sponsor to the WVC. The WVC has 501(c)3 non-profit status through them.

2020 FABFAN

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Help children in need in Marathon County through **Fill A Backpack Fill A Need (FABFAN)**

- An annual project of the Workplace Volunteer Council (WVC) since 1999

The **Workplace Volunteer Council's** signature project, **Fill A Backpack Fill A Need (FABFAN)**, provides new, FREE, backpacks and school supplies to **eligible children* in Marathon County. Over 7,500 students are eligible this year. Help us help them. Let's start their school year off on the right foot with needed supplies.

**Eligible children must be entering 4K through 8th grade and qualify for free or reduced lunch at school based on family income and size.*

Donate NEW School Supplies

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| Colorful, Durable Large Backpacks | #2 Pencils |
| Wide-lined filler paper | Highlighters |
| Colored washable markers (8-12 count box) | Rulers (12 inch) |
| Colored pencils | Large pink erasers |
| Crayons (24 count box) | Black dry erase markers |
| Scissors (blunt or pointed) | Washable glue |
| *Wide-lined single subject notebooks | Washable glue sticks |
| *2-pocket folders | Washable watercolor paints |
- *Red, blue, green & yellow notebooks + folders requested by schools*

Public Collection Site Locations in Marathon County

– Please contact individual collection sites for their collection dates –

- AbbyBank** | **Cloverbelt Credit Union** | **Connexus Credit Union** | **Health in Motion**
Innovative Health | **Peoples State Bank** | **Prevail Bank**

August 4: Concert on the Square - BMO Harris Bank has invited Fill a Backpack Fill a Need to be the featured project. We will be happy to accept your donations of backpacks and school supplies at the event!

August 16-20: Donations can be delivered to **J & D Tube Benders**, 8951 Enterprise Way, Schofield, WI 54476, from 8 am to 5 pm (front lobby)

Make a Monetary Donation

Please complete this form and mail it with your monetary donation to:

Workplace Volunteer Council, PO Box 1384, Wausau, WI 54402-1384

Please make checks payable to **WVC- FABFAN**

Your Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Donation Amount: _____

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To learn more about the Workplace Volunteer Council and our projects, go to:

<https://www.unitedwaymc.org/get-involved/volunteer/workplace-volunteer-council/>



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