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Community Invited to Support Back-to-School Drive to Aid Children

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University is partnering with local schools and the community to collect supplies for students in need as they return to classrooms this month.

The University will collect school supply donations in the Tucker Student Center entrance lobby from Thursday, Aug. 14 through Monday, Aug. 18, during move-in and orientation activities. All basic school supplies — such as paper, notebooks, and pencils — are needed, and donors can drop off items any time on those days in the student center.

“A drive like this demonstrates the University’s commitment to partnering with the community to improve the lives of local people, in addition to our own campus and students,” said Micah Martin, GWU Director of Student Leadership Development and Community Engagement. “For Gardner-Webb students, service is a way of life.”

Supply donations will specifically support students in local elementary and middle schools in the communities surrounding the University’s main campus in Cleveland County, N.C. The donations will provide materials for students who otherwise would not have the tools they need for success in school, said Greg Shull, director of communications for the local Cleveland County Schools system.

“We rely heavily on strong community partners to help ensure our students have an exceptional educational experience,” Shull said. “We are extremely appreciative of the care and support of the Gardner-Webb University students and staff, and value the opportunity to work together for the betterment of our county and greater community.”

For more information on the school supply drive, call 704-406-2135 or email volunteer@gardner-webb.edu.

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