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### Backpacks, school supplies and shoes, oh my!

**Port St. Lucie** – Haircuts aren't the only things children need as they prepare for the start of the new school year.

Thanks to a generous community, children served by the local dependency system also have backpacks, school supplies and new shoes to take with them on that first day.

Earlier this summer, the United Way of St. Lucie County, in partnership with several local businesses and non-profit organizations, like Devereux Community Based Care, collected enough supplies for 6,500 school children. More supplies came in through the Junior League of Martin County and the Treasure Coast Assembly of God.

And this week, the Vero Beach chapter of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, contributed \$2,400 for the purchase of school supplies for children in Indian River County.

But the generosity doesn't stop there.

"We're expecting donations of haircut certificates from Hair Cuttery and about 200 shoe vouchers from the Lil' Feet project," said Christina Kaiser, community relations director for Devereux CBC.

Devereux CBC is part of both projects and receives donations for children in the dependency system for its participation. Lil' Feet is a local project spearheaded by the St. Lucie County Fire District that raises money to give shoes to disadvantaged children.

The project committee recently hosted its signature Boot Auction, an event where firefighters' boots, which have been repurposed by local artists, are auctioned off to the highest bidders.



*Judith is one of more than 200 volunteers who helped sort supplies for School Supplies for Students.*



*CEO Carol Deloach admires the boot she won at the Lil' Feet Auction.*

*The boot was designed by artist Debi Crouse.*

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