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Only 2 Weeks Left to Help “Stuff the Bus” for Monroe County Students’ Success

Florida Keys – Florida Keys children need the community’s help. With nearly half of Keys families unable to afford life’s basic necessities, many children return to school each year without essential school supplies. However, that doesn’t change the fact that these tools for success are still needed. **In light of COVID-19, funds are needed now more than ever to help children from struggling families and equip schools to safely educate our children.**

How do we send local children to school equipped with everything they need to succeed and excel? By joining the United Way of Collier and the Keys’ efforts to raise funds for “Stuff the Bus” before August 31.

United Way of Collier and the Keys’ annual Stuff the Bus program is the largest back to school campaign in Monroe County. It provides supplies for each of our 16 local schools, ensuring all of the 8,700 students have the necessary tools to excel this academic year. This is even more critical this year as schools may need additional safety and hygiene items for classrooms, or equipment for virtual learning. **100% of contributions go directly to fund the needs of Monroe County schoolchildren.**

The success of Stuff the Bus is only possible through the continued generosity of individuals, businesses, and civic groups in Monroe County. Every dollar collected for Stuff the Bus goes directly toward purchasing supplies. Financial donations allow the program to expand beyond backpacks, paper and crayons to include important educational devices like graphing calculators, equipment for children with special needs and other tools necessary for the school year.

Donations may be made before August 31:

- Online at KeysUnitedWay.org by clicking on the red Donate button
- By checks mailed to PO Box 2143, Key West, FL, 33045
- Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and organizations

More details are available at KeysUnitedWay.org/StuffTheBus. The community is encouraged to join UWCK in supporting efforts to send Monroe County children back to school prepared for the new academic year, ensuring they have the supplies they need for success.



Plantation Key students show off their Summary King/Queen crowns for their hard work, and the Stuff the Bus funds for their school.



May Sands students pose for a Stuff the Bus social media photo op.



Sugarloaf students are excited to receive Stuff the Bus funds for their school.

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About United Way of Collier and the Keys

The United Way of Collier and the Keys (“UWCK”) is committed to investing in and working to create a community where all individuals and families in Collier and Monroe Counties have an opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential. We will accomplish this through improving education, economic stability and health, as well as providing access to food and safety net services. United Way plays a unique role in convening businesses, nonprofits and government to work together to address community needs. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.