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Dear Friends of GBF:

GBF Community Services is a registered, not for profit community agency that provides social service assistance to low – income individuals and families in our community to help them meet basic needs and achieve self-sufficiency.

For a better tomorrow, we must work toward bettering today. Children are our future leaders and it is our belief that every child be given the same opportunities to learn, grow and succeed.

A new school year is a fresh start for every student, and GBF Community Services believes that success in education benefits everyone in the community. The ***Back-to-School Program*** is designed to give kids from families in financial need the same positive start to the school year as their neighbors, their classmates and their friends. We recognize the return to school may look a little different this year with children completing virtual or in-class learning. Regardless of the educational context, we believe all children deserve to feel encouraged and prepared for their return to school. With over 100 children having benefitted from the program in 2020, we have made it our goal to raise \$10,000 in donations for this upcoming school year.

I am writing to you today to ask Centennial Park Baptist Church to play an important role in supporting our ***Back-to-School Program***. Your partnership will complement our efforts in assisting low income families with children with the back-to-school necessities such as: backpacks, stationary supplies and running shoes. Program funds are also used to support school-related activities that take place throughout the year such as: school snacks, field trips, photos, uniforms, graduation fees and so much more. With your help, we can support local students in their academic success.

GBF Community Services is collecting monetary donations to fund the costs of the ***Back -To-School Program*** as well as collecting assorted school snacks for the Food Bank. With the generous support of The Ever-Hopeful Fund, monetary donations will be matched up to \$10,000 to help us achieve our program goal. Donations may be delivered to GBF Community Services; 40 Elm Street, Grimsby or online [www.gbfgirmsby.com](http://www.gbfgirmsby.com).

We want to thank you for your kind, generosity and support in our work for the betterment of our community's children. It is through collaborative partnerships that all things are possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Elia".

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I like the backpacks because they have really great school supplies inside which helps me do my school work. I also love getting a new pair of shoes after summer. Having lots of snacks at school makes me feel happy and I am able to think better and do my work. Also I am not jelouse of my freinds snacks that they bring. I am grateful that my mom has cashley at GBF to help our family with food and the amazing backpacks for myself and my siblings.

Thank you! 😊

Grade 7 student.

(Client Household # 1049809)