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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY TO DONATE
THOUSANDS OF BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES TO
LOCAL SCHOOLS**



CHICAGO (July 6, 2015) — As thousands of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members from around the world head to their biennial Leadership Conference this month, they will come with school supplies that will help students in the greater Chicago area.

The supplies are part of the AKA One Million BackpacksSM initiative, which is designed to ensure that thousands of deserving students throughout America receive support for their school studies.

Hundreds of members will collect and sort backpacks laden with classroom supplies such as notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers and other tools for children in grades kindergarten to sixth grade. The work will take place July 16 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and July 17 (8 a.m. to noon) at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, the site of the conference. All collected backpacks will be donated to the following schools: James Wadsworth, Woodlawn Community, and Emmett Louis Till Math & Science Academy.

Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, the sorority's international president, will present the donations to representatives from the Chicago Public School District on July 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel.

“We are thrilled to provide this assistance to these well-deserving schools. This is part of our commitment to help all children have the necessary equipment to succeed in school as well as in life,” Buckhanan Wilson said.

The primary goal of AKA **One Million Backpacks**SM is to distribute one million backpacks filled with school supplies to children across the United States over the next four years. Members across the country are donating items, and gaining support from their local communities.

Donations from the public may be dropped off at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel located at 151 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601 at the exhibition hall area entrance only.

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