



## 9 School Tools Campaign: June - August

When school bells ring in August, one in two students will arrive empty-handed and ill-equipped to learn; putting them behind from the very first day of school. School Tools is a community-wide school supply drive to collect and distribute school supplies to these children in need. Every year, Classroom Central, Communities in Schools and WSOC-TV Channel 9 come together for this annual supply drive. Businesses, organizations and faith-based groups sign up to serve as 9 School Tools collection sites while Classroom Central provides all materials needed to host a successful drive.

Materials provided by Classroom Central not only tangibly equip students to effectively learn, but they also improve their self-confidence and self-esteem; increasing their attachment to school and their excitement for learning. However, we're not just making a difference in the lives of our students; Classroom Central is also boosting classroom efficiency and teacher morale. Colleen Rogers, a teacher at Greenway Park Elementary says it best, "My job is hard, but definitely worth it. You not only help make my job logistically easier, you make me feel valued for choosing this difficult profession. You make my students feel like valued members of society."

Classroom Central will arm you with all the information you need to conduct a successful supply drive. You will receive regular emails that include tips, tricks, information about school supply sales, as well as updates and other important information regarding the campaign.

## Volunteering: Year Round

Classroom Central has a robust volunteer program that supports the work in our Free Store and warehouse. Last year over 1,200 volunteers provided more than \$2 million in support by donating over 10,000 hours to Classroom Central. Volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups range from one-time events to ongoing programs. Examples of volunteer opportunities include the following:

- Store stocking
- Teacher shopping
- Die-cut program
- Counting/sorting supplies
- Serving on a committee or Board of Directors

## Table Captain for Color a Brighter Future Fundraising Breakfast: (April)

Table Captains are essential to the success of this fundraising breakfast held each Spring at the Bojangle's Arena, as almost all guests attend because someone specifically invites them,. Table Captains serve as ambassadors to Classroom Central by filling a table of 10 guests and actively participating in the success of the event. There is no charge to attend the breakfast, however, guests will be asked to consider investing in the important work of Classroom Central.

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