



Volunteering: Year-Round

Classroom Central has a robust volunteer program that supports the work in our Free Store and warehouse. Last year, more than 1,700 volunteers contributed nearly 13,000 hours to Classroom Central. Volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups range from one-time events to ongoing programs.

Examples include:

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

School Supply Drives: June - August

Each fall, one-in-two students in our region arrive at school without the tools they need, putting them behind from the very first day of school. Each summer, more than 200 companies, community groups and individuals come together to host Classroom Central School Supply Drives to make sure that ALL students have the tools they need to succeed. In 2018, donors provided nearly 846,000 school supplies! Classroom Central Supply Drives are part of WSOC-TV's 9 School Tools Campaign, which serves 22 counties.

Classroom Central will arm you with all the information you need to conduct a successful school 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.

Our teacher surveys confirm that students having supplies improves their achievement, increases their self-confidence and boost teacher-student relationships and overall classroom morale. Colleen Rogers, a teacher at Greenway Park Elementary says it best, "My job is hard, but definitely worth it. Classroom Central not only makes my job logistically easier, you also make me feel valued for choosing this difficult profession. You make my students feel like valued members of society."

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 Bojangles' Coliseum, 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.