Canaan Baptist Church 824 15th Street North Bessemer, Alabama 35020

July 3, 2013

Dear Community Partners and Leaders:

Canaan Baptist Church Outreach Ministry is a 501c3 non-profit organization located in Bessemer, Alabama. We are conducting our 2nd Annual School Supply Donation Drive from NOW to August 10 to prepare underprivileged kids grades K -12 (also 1st year college students) for the new school year. Many families can barely get by or pay their household bills to keep a roof over their children's heads and they need our help desperately. We are already receiving calls from families requesting school supplies for 12th graders heading off to college.

You can donate in person or by mail at Canaan Baptist Church, 824 15th Street North, Bessemer, Alabama 35020 (100% of ALL donations will benefit those in need), we also have volunteers 2 days a week to pick up donations within 30 miles of Bessemer, Alabama 35020. We can use donated gift cards to purchase school supplies as well. ALL donations are tax deductible for every cent that you spend and all donations go directly to providing much needed supplies, clothing, and shoes for these many children in true need. PLEASE help us make this upcoming school year another success!

Students have a very long list of supplies that they must have on the 1st day of school so please help us fill every need these children who live in poverty/low-income households truly need, they are our future and they are depending on US to help them begin their new school year prepared.

For more information please contact Etta Williams @ 205-566-1437, Lottie Garrett @ 205-428-2767 or Pastor Douglas Caddell @ 205-541-6604.

Sincerely,

Canaan Baptist Church Outreach Ministry

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WHAT IS NEEDED?

- Clear or Solid Color Back Packs
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Packs of Loose leaf Paper (college ruled and wide)
- Two-pocket folders
- Crayons
- Highlighter
- 3-ring binders (1," 2" and 3" white plastic binders)
- Notebooks (70-sheets, 3 subject, and 5 subject)
- Glue stick
- Folders
- Pens
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Markers

Items listed below are also welcomed!

- Kleenex
- Index Cards
- Dictionary
- Calculator
- Hand Sanitizer
- Personal Care Items

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION DRIVE Q & A

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Who are the supplies given to?

Canaan Baptist Church Outreach Ministry distributes supplies to families throughout the Bessemer and surrounding areas.

How do we collect these supplies?

With the support of generous individuals, businesses, faith communities, and other organizations, willing to show their support by making a living with what they get, but by impacting a life by what they give. So join us by hosting a school supply drive today!

You can host a drive at your work, on your own as a personal charity, your place of worship, ANYWHERE! After the drive is over Canaan Baptist Church Outreach Ministry collects the supplies and brings them to our location to be sorted and stuffed into backpacks. This helps us give them away in an orderly fashion, as there is one filled backpack per child.

How do you get involved?

- •Host A Back-to-School Supply Drive!
- •Contact Etta Williams, Event Coordinator at 205-566-1437 or <u>jtbemwilliams@aol.com</u> with any questions.
- •Monetary donations are welcomed! Sometimes people's schedules don't allow them time to run out to purchase supplies but would like to donate to the School Drive. All check donations are to be written out to Canaan Baptist Church Outreach Ministry and mailed to us at the address above.
- •Donate a filled backpacks or supplies to Canaan Baptist Church Outreach Ministry.
- •We will be organizing the backpacks at our location the 1^{st} week of August. If you would like to volunteer at this event email us at jtbemwilliams@aol.com. The date is set for August 10^{th} 10:00 AM -2:00 PM, we will keep your name on the volunteer list and contact you via email with updates and details of event.