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Professor Erica Schacht College of Westchester 325 Central Avenue White Plains, NY 10606

Dear Professor Schacht.

I am writing to personally thank you and your Sister's United students for organizing support for The Sharing Shelf's Backpacks to School effort this year at the College of Westchester. We are grateful for the generous donation of 24 filled backpacks and additional school supplies.

This summer marked our eighth annual Backpacks to School program. Once again, we exceeded our original goal and could do so with your help and the help of your students. We filled and distributed over 1,400 backpacks. These backpacks were given to low-income children in over 30 school districts, from pre-kindergarten to high school, throughout Westchester County. Once again, we were the primary source of backpacks for children receiving services through Westchester County's Department of Social Services.

Our program relies on several critical things to succeed – financial donations so we can purchase supplies, leaders willing to bring this alive in their community or workplace, and volunteers who come together to pack. Your efforts were critical to our success. Thank you for being a part of that group of leaders.

I look forward to working with you in the future and hope we can continue building a relationship with the College of Westchester and The Sharing Shelf.

Sincerely,

Deborah Blatt

Director, The Sharing Shelf

