

Children In Housing Transition Get Help

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In September of 2012, CBRE/New England made a donation to the Capitol Region Education Council Foundation. CBRE donated 21 backpacks, each filled with essential items for students in transitional situations.

This is the fourth year the CBRE has partnered with CREC to provide these much needed resources to children in the Hartford area.

"This year we raised \$1,200, which allowed us to fill these bags with the same quality items we buy for our own children," explained Anna Kocsondy, senior associate at CBRE New England.

The backpacks will go to students in CREC's Magnet Schools and Student Services programs whose families are experiencing homelessness.

According to the National Center on Family Homelessness, one in 45 children experience homelessness in America each year, over 1.6 million children. In Connecticut, more than 3,500 children are homeless, and 42 percent



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of those children are under the age of 6.

The backpacks donated by CBRE will supply much-needed items for young children in these challenging circumstances.

CBRE Cares New England continues its mission "to build a foundation for our community by facilitating a variety of volunteer and giving opportunities that have a significant effect on the lives of families in need building today for a stronger tomorrow."

Designed to harness the aggregate potential of CBRE/NE's 35 million square-foot property management portfolio, events are coordinated to engage both CBRE/NE tenants and employees. Over the

last two years, CBRE Cares New England has collected donated goods worth over \$570,000 through 14 charitable initiatives that supported 25 beneficiary organizations.

"We look forward to this drive every year for two reasons," shared Kocsondy. "One, this donation has an immediate impact on our local area, helping students and their families; and two, 100 percent of the donation are used to purchase the items for the students and then packed by us."

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