



KARINA'S BACKPACK PROJECT

KARINA'S BACKPACK PROJECT DONATES OVER 4,300 BACKPACKS TO 10 SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN 3RD YEAR OF PARTNERSHIP

On August 14th, [Karina's Backpack Project \(KBP\)](#), a project implemented by [Dreams for Schools](#), will be kicking off its 2022 backpack distribution at Pio Pico Elementary School in the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD).

[Karina's Backpack Project \(KBP\)](#), fiscally sponsored by the Joy of Sharing Foundation and a project implemented by [Dreams for Schools](#), will be providing Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) students with backpacks and supplies for the 3rd straight year. In 2022, Karina and the team are excited to donate over 4,300 backpacks filled with school supplies to all 10 schools in the Santa Ana Unified School District. The following SAUSD elementary schools are also scheduled to receive backpacks prior to the start of the new school year: Diamond Elementary, Edison Elementary, Esqueda Elementary, Harvey Elementary, Heroes Elementary, King Elementary, Pio Pico Elementary, Roosevelt-Walker Academy, Lydia Romero-Cruz Academy, and Washington Elementary.

Last year in 2021, Karina's Backpack Project donated 10,800 backpacks to 20 Santa Ana Unified School District schools as part of back to school. Karina, an Orange County teenager, fueled by her passion to create community connections created the project in late 2018 to provide families with kids in elementary and middle schools backpacks, supplies, resources and services for a successful school year ahead. In the first year of KBP in 2019, Karina's effort helped provide 5,500 backpacks with school supplies, groceries, haircuts and food to students and their families. In 2020, due to COVID-19, Karina and her team shifted the strategy to work directly with partners and schools and distribute 15,000 backpacks of which 6,000 were given to SAUSD students. In 2020, KBP also started a Holiday program adopting families and kids and provided gifts to 1000 children to bring joy during the holiday season! Karina received the Outstanding Youth Award at the Association of Fundraising Professionals' (AFP) National Philanthropy Day event in 2020 for her work.

"Service and education are important to me. I know that I've been blessed with opportunities and want to do my part to ensure that students in Santa Ana Unified Schools have the same opportunities and are set up for success. I want students to dream big and feel prepared!" - *Karina Tarsadia, Founder of Karina's Backpack Project.*

To learn more about Karina's Backpack Project, visit karinasbackpackproject.org. For any media inquiries, please email Nithin at nithin@dreamsforschools.org.