

# School-supply drive

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BERWYN — For a significant number of families in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, the current economic crisis is much more than a headline. It is a reality that impacts every facet of their daily lives. Can they pay the rent? Will there be enough food on the table? The question also hangs heavily as to how they will find the money to equip their children with the required school supplies for the coming school year.

Tredyffrin & Easttown Care, a nonprofit group founded in 2005, is now running its 4th Annual School Supply Drive (through Aug. 2) and it faces a much greater challenge this summer as the need for assistance has tripled. About 120 students have been identified by local counselors as needing financial assistance for the purchase of the required school supplies and backpacks. This is a significant increase from the 40 students T&E Care helped last year. It will need the help of many in the community to reach its goal.

If you choose to help these students, you provide them with much more than school supplies. You give peace of mind to the families and boost the confidence of these children as they set out on their first day of the new school year. T&E Care will accept assistance of any type — from a package of pencils to a book bag loaded with the all the supplies for one student. Gift cards for supplies, first-day clothes or shoes, or food for healthy breakfasts are also appreciated.

Please check out T&E Care's Web site, [www.tecare.org](http://www.tecare.org). You can also contact Margie Winters at 610-408-8831 with questions or offers to help.