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For Immediate Release
Contact Morgan Spencer, Director of Development

Help Local Children Prosper by Providing Backpacks and School Supplies for the School Year.

Watertown Urban Mission seeking donations for its upcoming Back to School Backpack Distribution on August 15th, 16th, and 17th.

WATERTOWN (August 09, 2018) – The Watertown Urban Mission is currently collecting for its Back to School Backpack Distribution. With the school year rapidly approaching, you can help ensure that local children receive the back-to-school items they need to learn and work to their highest potential.

During distribution dates, students will be able to have their pick of their favorite backpack, stocked full of supplies to get them going for the new school year. Backpacks and supplies are carefully divided to accommodate students in varying grade levels, from pre-kindergarten, to middle school, and high school. With a great array of backpacks to choose from, and properly divided supplies, families can choose with dignity and have fun at the event. “It is so important that students have the tools that they need to succeed at the start of the school year,” said Watertown Urban Mission Director of Development, Morgan Spencer. “This distribution eases the expenses that come with the start of a new school year, and students can feel great knowing that they are prepared.”

To donate your backpack and/or other school supplies to the Critical Needs Program, you can bring the items to the Watertown Urban Mission offices or the drop off zone behind the Impossible Dream Thrift Store, both located at 247 Factory St., Watertown.

Items that you can donate to help your neighbors in need include: backpacks (new or gently used), pocket folders, highlighters, colored pencils, rulers, composition notebooks, scissors, erasers, index cards, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, lined paper, 1” binders, pencil boxes, glue sticks, and hand sanitizer. Since the supplies can be stored, the Mission will accept supplies during and after the distribution dates.

This year’s distribution will be held over the course of three consecutive days to maximize awareness of the event to the public. Parents may visit the Mission during August 15th, 16th, or 17th, and bring a health benefit card, report card, or birth certificate for the children for whom they are seeking backpacks.

Centrally located in the City of Watertown, the Watertown Urban Mission serves residents in the city and throughout Jefferson County. It works with other community service organizations to ensure



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adequately and efficiently. With generous donor and volunteer support, the Mission helps people rise above their circumstances and in turn, this strengthens our community.

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