



Annual Impact Report

2025-2026





New Pilot Program: Crayons Closet

This spring, Crayons to Classrooms opened our first Crayons Closet in a local rural school district, National Trail Local Schools. This mini-store is stocked with 18 different essential school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, writing utensils, glue sticks, and more for teachers to shop for at no cost, without ever leaving their building.

Teachers at National Trail Local Schools are geographically distant from C2C and find it difficult to make the time to visit the Teacher Resource Center to get free supplies.

The Closet was open for less than two months during the spring semester in 2026 and distributed \$10,417 in school supplies to National Trail teachers and students.

The district's elementary, middle, and high school are all housed in the same building. Over 75 teachers and 900 students are benefiting from this resource within their school.

"Our staff wants to get our kids the resources they need, and now it's here [in our building]," shares Jen Couch, Superintendent at National Trail Local Schools. "The stress and worry about having access to these resources is removed, that barrier is now gone. For our students, it's about equity. It does not matter what circumstances they walk in the door with, they are going to have the same opportunity to have the same supplies that everyone else has, regardless."

We are grateful for the support of our program sponsors, AES Ohio Foundation and Henny Penny Employee Foundation for making this possible.





Investing in Educators

For the second consecutive year, Crayons to Classrooms partnered with American College of Education to invest in a local educator by awarding a full scholarship toward a master's degree. This year, Dayton Public Schools teacher Amber Bell was selected as the recipient.

Amber, a third-grade teacher at International School at Residence Park, began pursuing her Master of Education in Elementary Education in August 2026. As she continues growing her knowledge and skills, her students - and countless future students - will benefit from the impact of her continued professional development.

"I was struggling with money for awhile... I'm a girl who works between 2-3 jobs," shares Amber Bell, ACE Master's Degree Scholarship recipient. "I have always wanted to go back to school, so it is a blessing to have this opportunity to further my education and better my students."

When teachers are supported, students thrive. By removing financial barriers to higher education, American College of Education is helping educators expand their expertise, strengthen their classrooms, and continue making a lasting difference in the lives of children.

American College of Education (ACE) is an accredited, fully online private college specializing in high-quality, affordable programs in education, business, healthcare and nursing. Headquartered in Indianapolis, ACE offers more than 60 innovative and engaging programs for adult students to pursue a doctorate, specialist, master's or bachelor's degree, along with graduate-level certificate programs. In addition to being a leader in online education, ACE is committed to social responsibility as an Impact Institution, where operations are guided by purpose and designed to create real-world impact.





By the Numbers: Our Reach in 2025-26

Last school year, we welcomed teachers from **135** schools and **9** childcare centers across the Miami Valley. On average, each visit saved a teacher **\$698** in classroom expenses. For those who take advantage of every available resource, that value can exceed **\$3,000** in supplies—directly supporting their students and classrooms.



144
schools

including 9 childcare centers



53,961
students served



3,745
total shops

**some teachers shopped 2-3x*

2,697
teachers
participated in a
C2C shop or event

Principals/Asst. Principals
Classroom Teachers
Intervention Specialists
Specials/Elective Teachers
Related Services Staff
Childcare Teachers

\$2.6 Million
in supplies distributed
during the 2025-26
school year

\$44.2 Million
in supplies distributed
since 2009



What Teachers Are Saying

*"I work in a school where the majority of the students fall below the federal poverty guidelines. C2C has helped me to be able to provide them with much needed supplies that their families may not be able to afford. **The supplies that have been provided allow me to provide them with the same education or educational tools that other school districts have.**"*

Malissa Johnson, Third Grade Teacher at North Dayton School of Discovery

"Thanks to C2C I am able to replace items my students do not have or cannot afford. I can decorate my room to be a more welcoming place and diversify my lessons beyond sparse curriculum materials."

Chrystyan Kincade, Fourth Grade Teacher at Horace Mann Elementary School (Springfield)

*"C2C has been such a blessing to provide basic needs like pencils, pens, paper, coloring utensils, hand sanitizer, etc. to make sure I can have those items readily available for all students without them having to ask. I have those regularly used-needed items in designated areas where students can access them without having to even ask for permission. **This takes way much of the shame or embarrassment some students feel when needing to ask for supplies they do not have.**"*

Mindy Jones, Eighth Grade Teacher at Tri-County North Middle

*"With our funding being cut, **supplies from Crayons to Classrooms are the only new classroom supplies I received this year.** I would have spent a fortune on regular things needed for my classroom."*

Courtney Dollinger, Science Teacher at Springfield High

Top Essential Tools in Teachers' Hands



15,007
Notebooks



13,363
Folders



13,047
Pencils



10,022
Marker
Packs



9,853
Crayon
Packs



Fueling the Mission, Together

Powered by Volunteers

Our work would not be possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers. In the 2025–26 school year, **978 volunteers** gave a combined **12,484 hours** to help us serve teachers and students across the Miami Valley. From greeting educators and assisting them during their shopping visits, to creating Classroom Solutions projects, stocking shelves, organizing the warehouse, supporting data entry, and even lending a hand at off-site events, our volunteers keep every part of our mission moving forward. Their time, energy, and passion ensure that every teacher who walks through our doors leaves better equipped to inspire their students.

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2025-26 Specialty Volunteer Groups

AES
Alter High School
Barnes Dennig
Cargill
Caterpillar Foundation
CityWide Development
Dayton Convention Center
Dayton Phoenix Group
Donnellon McCarthy
Dunbar High School Seniors
Edward Jones
Feldmeyer Financial

Flagel Huber Flagel
GE Aerospace
Generation Dayton
Health Carousel
Johnson Electric
Junior League Dayton
Kettering College
KeyBank
Legacy Christian Academy
LexisNexis
McGohan Brabender
Miamisburg Church Youth Group

Montgomery County Admin
Reynolds and Reynolds
SDFM
Shook Construction
Target
UD EDU
UD Epsilon Nu Tau
UD MBA
US Air Force
US Bank
Value Added Packaging
Waibel
Wright Patt Credit Union



Become a Backpack Booster

Want to make a difference all year long? Join the Backpack Boosters, a special group of monthly givers committed to **supporting teachers and students every day.**

Your steady support helps Crayons to Classrooms provide essential supplies when they're needed most. As a Backpack Booster, you'll **fuel daily learning, provide peace of mind** to local educators, and **help us plan ahead** for even greater impact.

A small monthly gift.
A lasting boost for students in need.
Learn more and sign up [**HERE**](#).

Leave a Legacy of Learning

At Crayons to Classrooms, we believe that every child deserves the tools to learn, dream, and succeed. When you include a legacy gift in your estate plans, you're doing more than giving – **you're creating lasting change.**

A legacy gift will **help us grow, plan boldly,** and **continue supporting educators** for years to come. It's more than a donation – it's a legacy of learning, shared with every child who opens a notebook or picks up a pencil because of you.

To learn more about leaving a legacy gift, visit our [**website**](#).

When you give to Crayons to Classrooms, **91¢ of every dollar** fuels our programs, ensuring your generosity reaches the teachers and students who need it most.



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