National Zakat Foundation

GIFT A Backpack GIFT A FUTURE

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND



BACK TO SCHOOL 2026



This back-to-school season, one need was impossible to ignore.
In Canada, more than

1.4 Million children

are growing up in poverty, where back-to-school costs become one more barrier.*

With rent, food, and bills rising, many families are stretched to their limit, and back-to-school season can mean impossible choices.

For a child, it can mean walking into class feeling unprepared and left out before the first lesson even begins.

Because of you, that story changed. Children walked into their classrooms with backpacks, supplies, and the confidence to belong. Parents felt the relief of knowing their community showed up for them.

Every backpack you gave carried more than supplies. It carried hope.

In the pages ahead, you'll see how far your gift traveled: into homes, into classrooms, and into the lives of children who are now ready to learn and thrive.



YOUR IMPACT, BY THE NUMBERS

Behind every number on this page is a child who walked into class ready to learn, and a family who could finally breathe a little easier. When one child starts the year prepared, the whole community feels it.

Here's what your generosity made possible this Back to School season:

$31,052.87
in Zakat and Sadaqah distributed

563
children received new backpacks

312
children helped in the GTA

$24,416.87
in support for backpacks and supplies

20
community partners engaged

112
children helped in Montreal

$6,636
in tutoring and mentorship support

16+
children accessing tutoring and mentorship

92
children helped in Ottawa

47 children received donor-delivered school supplies*



FROM DONOR TO DOORSTEP: THE BACKPACK DRIVE

19 generous donors came together to support 47 children from low-income families across their communities.

Through our Back to School Drive 2026, donors signed up to be matched with a child in their region, received their profile and school supply needs, and personally purchased and delivered backpacks filled with essential supplies right to their doorsteps.

From choosing the right supplies to meeting the families, every delivery was a personal act of kindness.

Together, these donors helped children head into the new school year feeling prepared, supported, and confident.

A parent's words:

"Thank you so much. You truly have no idea how big of a blessing (na'mat) and help this is for us. Right now, this is literally a lifeline for me and my family to survive through this difficult situation. I cannot explain my gratitude in words, but Allah SWT will reward you abundantly for this."

WHERE YOUR GIFTS CAME TO LIFE













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YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE

Behind every backpack was a person who said yes: a masjid that opened its doors, a volunteer who gave up a weekend, and an organization that trusted us with its community. You are the reason a child walked into class feeling cared for.

Because of your support, parents knew they were not alone, and children saw that their community believes in them.

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