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NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT

BARRAGA COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR BACKPACK FOR PIRATES

***CHILDREN IN NEED ENJOY A DAY ON THE BEACH WITH A TREASURE HUNT
AND LEAVE WITH A NEW BACKPACK FILLED WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES***



Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) is again accepting donations at the West Islip Library on behalf of the 10th Annual Back Pack Pirates Event put on by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless taking place on August 25, 2015 at the Dorothy P. Flint 4H Camp in Riverhead.

The Back Pack Pirates Program is a summer camp event for homeless and at-risk youth on Long Island. After a full day of activities at a beachfront camp in Riverhead, each child receives a new

backpack filled with new school supplies. Last year, the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless distributed 400+ backpacks to children at the event, and an additional 600+ backpacks to other children in need.

Individuals looking to donate can bring their items to the West Islip Library located at 3 Higbie Lane West Islip and place the items in the collection box that will be located across from the main circulation desk. The suggested school supply list as well as other items needed are:

School Supplies:

Three-ring binders (various sizes) and dividers	3 x 5 index cards
Folders with pockets	Pens
Loose-leaf paper	Glue Sticks
Spiral Notebooks (1,2,3,5 subjects)	Elmer's Glue
Book Covers	Scissors and safety scissors
#2 Pencils with Erasers	Crayons
Hi-liters	Protractors
Colored Pencils	Rulers (12 in with cm and inches)
Fine line markers	Pencil sharpeners
Marble Composition books	Back packs and lunch boxes

Other Items Needed:

New packages of socks and underwear, ages K-12

New shoes (school appropriate/sneakers)

New clothing (school appropriate)