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LAFCU helps 310 students start school ready at fifth annual Back-to-School Extravaganza

Credit union provides essentials to ease back-to-school costs for local families



LAFCU team members prepared backpacks and school supplies for distribution during the credit union's fifth annual Back-to-School Extravaganza. The event provided 310 Lansing-area students with backpacks filled with school supplies and personal care essentials.

prepared, confident and supported.

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU helped 310 Lansing-area students head back to the classroom with backpacks, school supplies and personal care essentials through its fifth annual Back-to-School Extravaganza, an initiative designed to help ease the financial pressures families can face at the start of a new school year.

Held in partnership with The Village Lansing and Two Men and a Truck, the event provided each student with a backpack filled with supplies and hygiene items. LAFCU members and community residents also helped make the giveaway possible by donating school supplies and personal care products at LAFCU branches leading up to the event.

For LAFCU, the annual Extravaganza is about more than providing supplies. It reflects the credit union's people-helping-people mission by addressing an immediate financial need while helping children begin the school year feeling

“The beginning of a school year should be filled with excitement and possibility, not worry about whether a family can afford everything a child needs,” said Shelia Scott, LAFCU’s community financial education and business development officer. “By bringing our members, community partners and neighbors together, we can help relieve some of that burden for families and give students something even more important than a backpack — the confidence to walk into school ready to learn and succeed.”



A young student selects crayons and colored pencils with help from LAFCU volunteers during the credit union’s annual Back-to-School Extravaganza. The event brought families and community partners together to help students get ready for the new school year.

LAFCU extended that commitment by also supporting the 2026 Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson Backpack Giveaway Event, another community effort that provided backpacks and school supplies to area students. LAFCU’s involvement in both initiatives reflects its broader focus on helping families meet immediate needs while creating opportunities that can strengthen financial well-being and communities over time.

About LAFCU

Founded in 1936, LAFCU (pronounced Laugh-Q) is a not-for-profit, member-owned credit union open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Michigan, and to Michigan businesses. LAFCU serves nearly 73,000 members and holds over \$1 billion in assets. With a particular focus on serving people of modest means, LAFCU is committed to enhancing its members' financial well-being and creating long-lasting positive change across generations. Awarded the prestigious Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award, LAFCU is known for its people-helping-people mission, which has led to award-winning financial literacy programs for all ages. A three-time honoree as a national ‘Best Credit Union to Work For,’ LAFCU has also been recognized as a Best Place to Work for Women

and an Inclusive Workplace, and is recognized globally for its diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Learn more at www.lafcu.com.

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