

## Back-to-School Drive

Did you know 1 out of every 4 Bay Area children lives below the federal poverty line? By the 3rd grade, these students are, on average, already two years behind their peers in reading and math.

When children start their academic careers with a large deficit, their ability to succeed in school diminishes. All too often they fall further and further behind their peers especially in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) subjects.

Low-income families with limited funds are frequently unable to purchase books and school supplies — all tools necessary for success. The Family Giving Tree helps these children build a path out of poverty through education. With your support, we provide Bay Area children with new backpacks filled with the school supplies.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- Use the attached envelope to make a monetary donation
- Donate online at FamilyGivingTree.org

## Thank you! Together we'll prepare students to learn.

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