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Attention: Bloomfield and Glen Ridge Families

BACK 2 SCHOOL STORE FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SCHOOL CLOTHES

The Bloomfield Division of Human Services will be participating for the sixth year in the Back 2 School Store for children entering Grade K-5 in September 2017 which is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section. The Back 2 School Store is a **FREE** one day event held on Sunday July 30, 2017 in West Orange, and is designed to provide financially disadvantaged Essex County elementary school children with new clothing, school supplies, and other necessities that will help create positive self-esteem and enthusiasm so that the children will be ready to focus on learning.

Each child during the event is escorted by a volunteer personal shopper to help him/her select new clothing, including a winter jacket, shirt, pair of pants, pair of sneakers, new underwear, socks, hat, scarf, and gloves, plus a new backpack filled with a complete set of age appropriate school supplies and personal care items. All items are new and of no cost to each participating family. While the children are shopping, parents will have the opportunity to visit the Gaelen Family Resource Center to receive information on community resources, adult health care, and career and educational opportunities.

To qualify, families need to be income eligible for food stamps or a food pantry, or the school district's free or reduced cost lunch programs. Parents must attend the event in person with their child. Applications will be accepted in person through **Monday May 8, 2017** at the **Bloomfield Division of Human Services, 1 Municipal Plaza, Room 213**, on a first come, first served basis, until slots are filled. Please contact the Division of Human Services with any questions at **973-680-4017**.



MISSION

To prevent disease and promote physical and mental well being through policy development, disease detection, prevention, education, and enforcement; in a culturally competent manner that ensures the highest quality of life for the residents we serve.