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AAU Cares: Supporting the Teacher Supply Warehouse

The AAU is hosting a virtual supply drive as part of the AAU Junior Olympic Games

GREENSBORO, NC – Teachers often reach into their own pockets, spending between \$650 and \$1,000 annually on classroom supplies, according to the Guilford Education Alliance (GEA). To support these educators, GEA operates the Teacher Supply Warehouse, where Guilford County Schools teachers can access essential classroom supplies for free.

This year’s AAU Junior Olympic Games aims to help stock the shelves at the Teacher Supply Warehouse through AAU Cares Program by holding a virtual school supply drive.

“The 2024 Games is the largest event our city has ever seen,” says Greensboro Area Convention & Visitors Bureau President Henri Fourrier. “We are grateful for the opportunity to not only showcase Greensboro but also give back to our community. The AAU Cares Program gives us the opportunity to support our local teachers and ensure they have the resources needed to inspire and educate our children.”

In the 2023-2024 school year alone, the Teacher Supply Warehouse filled more than 4,000 orders, distributing nearly \$600,000 in supplies. Every contribution makes a significant impact:

- \$5 = 36 big pink erasers
- \$14 = 78 glue sticks
- \$25 = class set of clipboards
- \$49 = 111 dry erase markers
- \$77 = 92 packs of crayons
- \$103 = 1152 No. 2 pencils
- \$252 = 336 composition notebooks

“The Teacher Supply Warehouse is a unique partnership to support GCS teachers,” says GEA President Zitty Nxumalo, Ph.D. “We are so honored to work with this generous community to be sure that classrooms have the supplies they need to build bright futures – for our students and our community!”

The 2024 AAU Junior Olympic Games will draw approximately 19,000 athletes and 40,000 guests from July 24 to August 3. Competitions will take place at the Marcus T. Johnson Track at

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Truist Stadium at NC A&T State University, the Greensboro Coliseum Complex (Greensboro Aquatic Center, Special Events Center, Novant Health Fieldhouse), and Kentner Stadium at Wake Forest University.

To donate to the Teacher Supply Warehouse through AAU Cares, visit <https://bit.ly/AAUSupplyDrive>.

Learn more about the AAU Junior Olympic Games, buy tickets, and register to volunteer at visitgreensboronc.com/aau-junior-olympic-games or www.aaujrogames.org.

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