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You can help children in foster care get ready for school

Phoenix, **AZ** – Monsoon season just started, but the start of school will be here before you know it and AASK is already working to make sure the school year starts strong for children in foster care.

Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) provided backpacks filled with school supplies to 800 children last year and aims to help even more students this year.

A \$25 donation buys a backpack and age-appropriate school supplies, such as the notebook paper, pens, pencils, folders, ruler, scissors and other essentials. Gifts can be made at www.aaskbackpackdrive.org.

"These donations help foster children head back to school ready to learn. Please give and let us do the shopping for you," said AASK Director of Development Julie Turko.

Donations to the AASK backpack drive qualify for Arizona's foster care tax credit that may mean a dollar-for-dollar reduction of your state income tax, Ms. Turko added.

AASK, licensed by the Arizona Department of Economic Security since 1988, recruits, trains and provides ongoing support to the families that open their hearts and their homes to children in the child welfare system.

AASK, a 501(c) (3) non-profit charity, has helped facilitate thousands of adoptions and guided hundreds of kinship caregivers through the state licensing process.