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# School backpacks, supplies reassure disadvantaged children in Pacoima as they get ready for new year



Children receive new backpacks and schools supplies on Thursday in Pacoima thanks to Kaiser Permanente and El Nido Family Centers. (Photo courtesy of Kaiser Permanente)

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Back-to-school excitement went a notch higher for 300 disadvantaged children on Thursday in Pacoima when they received new backpacks and school supplies, thanks to Kaiser Permanente and El Nido Family Centers.

There were smiles all around from children and their families and representatives from Kaiser Permanente, El Nido Family Centers and the Pacoima Neighborhood Council as the children hugged their backpacks with a sense of relief and admired the supplies that included brand new pencils and erasers, pens, highlighters, notebooks and rulers.

The event for invited families, scheduled in two shifts, also included health information booths, free dental screenings, games and prizes.

This is the eighth year that Kaiser Permanente has helped out children in Pacoima get an auspicious start to the new school year. Employees in Kaiser Permanente's Finance Department met at the company headquarters in Pasadena recently to pack backpacks for 600 children. Half of those backpacks were distributed to children on Aug. 3 at the South Los Angeles El Nido Family Centers. Kaiser Permanente gave a \$15,000 check to El Nido Family Centers for the organization's work to help low-income families and children obtain health care and education and promote academic and family dynamics education and services for securing a healthier life. For more information on El Nido Family Centers programs, donations and volunteering: [www.elnidofamilycenters.org](http://www.elnidofamilycenters.org) Pacoima center: 818-896-7776. Most Los Angeles Unified School District schools first day of the fall semester begin during the week of Aug. 19-23.

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