

Williams 'Y' Gathers Backpacks for Schools

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The Williams YMCA of Avery County visited area schools last week, delivering backpacks filled with school supplies. The backpacks were given to the YMCA as part of the August "Back 2 School" membership drive. For the month of August, The Y waived the joining fee for new members if they brought in a backpack. If someone brought in a backpack filled with school supplies they received a free t-shirt. "Last year, we received 8 backpacks to distribute to the elementary schools. This year we doubled the number of backpacks! I am excited that we can help those kids in our area that can't afford a new backpack or school supplies" Director of Membership, DeLee Scott says. Trey Oakley, CEO of the Williams YMCA, also wanted to thank everyone that participated. "The example set by Avery County residents of always being there for those in need is unparalleled, and serves as motivation for the Y to do the same thing. We are truly blessed to be a part of an amazing community and to have the opportunity to make a positive difference daily in people's lives." Oakley also says "We look forward to continuing our mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Thank you to everyone that makes what the YMCA does for the community possible." Would you like to help? The Y is a 501c3 not for profit charity that operates through donated funding, community partnerships and gracious volunteers. Contact us at 828-737-5500 and be a part of your Y!