

# STUFF THE BUS



Help us ensure that every student has the supplies they need to thrive in school.

## Why it matters:

Families struggling to make ends meet often must choose between buying school supplies or putting food on the table.

Approximately 45% of our community is living at or below the ALICE threshold, barely affording the basic cost of living.

The average household spends \$150 on the essential school supplies. This does not even include new clothes, shoes, and other items needed as students grow.

In 2025, United Way of South Central Tennessee collected over 56,000 supplies and distributed them to ten school districts in our seven-county service area.



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