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**Back to School Supply Drive Brings in more \$5,000 of supplies to students in need**

PITTSBURGH (September 8, 2022) –

**Communities in Schools of Pittsburgh-Allegheny County (CISPAC) is proud to celebrate the support of our community in collecting over \$5,000 in school supplies for students in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.** Lead sponsor, KeyBank, opened 19 local branches throughout the area to collect from staff and customers. Thanks to their support and the additional support of UBS Financial Services and Krystal Biotech, CISPAC will be able to distribute more than 300 backpacks to children in need.

The National Retail Federation estimates that families will spend at least \$800 per student on new supplies, uniforms and other needs this back-to-school season. With 3 out of 10 students in Pittsburgh living in poverty, many students will have to go without these necessary items, leading to poorer outcomes in school and beyond. **The supplies from this drive will be given directly to students in local districts and stock regional “free stores” where students can continue to pick up the supplies they need throughout the school year.**

**“Every child has the right to a good education, but there are supplies and other things that students need to succeed, and not every family has the means to provide,”** says Bridget Clement, executive director of CISPAC. **“We are so grateful for the support of KeyBank, UBS, Krystal Biotech, and all the members of our community that have supported this initiative.**

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**About Communities In Schools of Pittsburgh – Allegheny County**

CISPAC is part of the Communities In Schools® network that ensures all students have what they need to stay in school and on a path to a brighter future. Working directly inside more than 2,500 schools and community sites across the country, we connect 1.62 million students to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed in school and life. With a proven mix of evidence-based practice and human capital, we do whatever it takes to empower kids to realize their full potential. To learn more about CISPAC, visit [cispac.org](http://cispac.org).



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