



# Clean Kids Backpack Program Dedicated to Helping America's Homeless Public School Children

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The Clean Kids Backpack Program is an outreach of St. Paul Polish National Catholic Church and is dedicated to helping America's homeless public school children and their families meet basic personal hygiene needs.

This program aims to keep kids clean and in school. "No child should have to feel ashamed because their families are upon hard times and cannot afford basic hygiene product", says MCPS Homeless Liaison Thomas Butler.

Also, along for the journey is Mr. Humphries of the MTI Adult Work Study Program. This program is allows his students (pictured below) to learn extra life skills that will be needed in the real world. They work closely and have a great relationship with the



Homeless Program and his students are very happy to help move these products along to the right families.

Father Mark encourages everyone to visit [cleankids-backpack.com](http://cleankids-backpack.com) for info.

## Directing the Truck

Marion County Public School Homeless Liaison Thomas Butler directs the truck that will be loaded with 20,000 personal hygiene products that will go to those in need.



## Coming Together For A Great Cause

Father Mark of St. Paul Polish National Catholic Church and the Clean Kids Backpack Program, Marion County Public School system Homeless Liaison Thomas Butler and Mr. Humphries of the MTI Adult Work Study Program and his students: Bradley Wills, Matthew Duncan, Conner Holmes, Mariano Cantarol, Jr. and Logan Crones join forces to help bring about a sense of normalcy for the "homeless" children by giving them the personal care products that they need. "When a child does not feel embarrassed they are more likely to stay in school and get an education", says Mr. Butler.

## Diapers & Wipes are greatly needed items for families



## Loading the Truck

The Westport High School Logistics Program will store the personal hygiene items and then distribute them as needed to the 2,000 students in the Marion County School system that are registered as "Homeless".

## Donations for this program are accepted year round



**20,000 products donated by the Clean Kids Backpack Program.**