



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## 300 Staples associates assemble 5,000 backpacks for local schools

What:	Staples hosts its first Backpack-A-Thon at the Staples Delivery Center in Aurora, CO (13800 E. 39 <sup>th</sup> Avenue) on Wednesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> where 300 Staples associates and volunteers will assemble 5,000 backpacks with 110,000 school supplies to help children start the school year off right. Each of the backpacks will be stuffed with age appropriate school supplies donated by Staples and its vendors and personalized notes for local underprivileged school children wishing them success in the coming school year. In partnership with Erica Rae's Kids and Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain, the assembled backpacks will be delivered to six school districts: Aurora, Brighton, Denver, Jefferson County, Sheridan, and Westminster for distribution to children in need.
	Similar events at Staples locations in Framingham, Mass; Terre Haute, Ind; Philadelphia, Pa; and Lincolnshire, III, will fill an additional 26,000 backpacks with school supplies to support local children. Collectively all places will produce a total of 31,000 backpacks this year. <u>Here is a quick look</u> at the event that took place at Staples' headquarters last month.
	"Working with local organizations and schools, we are able to help students be prepared by providing the tools they need to learn," said Regis Mulot, Chief Human Resources Officer and Staples Foundation Executive Vice President. "Hundreds of Staples associates give their time and enthusiasm to stuff thousands of backpacks for low-income children, exemplifying our commitment to making a difference in the communities where our customers and associates live and work."
When:	Wednesday, June 14, 2017 11:00am-3:30pm
Where:	Staples Delivery Center 13800 E. 39th Avenue Aurora, CO 80011