

Clark employees' generosity is always in style

✖ We are in the midst of change at Clark College. The STEM building is being built and people will begin moving next year. ctcLink has many of us reviewing our business processes and anticipating a modern ERP (enterprise resource planning) college-wide management software. The new Academic Plan is focusing us on developing academic pathways that will lead students to gainful employment and further education.

What hasn't changed is Clark College employees' willingness to go above and beyond to help students. This year, for the 12th annual Backpack Project, employees donated backpacks and supplies to 52 school-aged children of Clark College students. The support and generosity of employees has sustained this project through the years, and employees tell us that they always look forward to the announcement of the project.

Names of children are gathered and referred by Workforce Education Services, Financial Aid, Veterans Affairs, Child & Family Services, and the Diversity Center. Each child is asked their favorite color and characters so the donors can find a backpack that is specific to that child. The characters from the children's movie *Frozen* were the favorite this year.

This year we received some wonderful drawings and heartfelt thank-you notes we wanted to share with you. ✖

"Hey, thank you for the backpack, it was very helpful for me. I know you guys didn't have to do it but I'm very thankful so thank you!"

"Thank you so much for the backpacks, you have no idea how much this helped out our family."

"I ♥ my backpack!"

No matter how things change, we know we can count on Clark employees to keep helping our students and their families, year after year. Thank you!