

Crayons for Kids Drive Helps Area Children Get Ready for School

The 12th consecutive Crayons for Kids school supply drive collected nearly 26,000 packages of supplies for children in the Fox Valley area. More than 150 volunteers from Rosary High School and Marmion Academy, including students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni, collected supplies at 13 area Jewel-Osco stores over two weekends in July.



The collection benefits 73 schools and agencies in the Fox Valley/Naperville area, covering 11 communities. The Crayons for Kids project is organized by Marmion Campus Minister Mark Malkowski ('08), and Rosary High School coordinators this year were Monica Zimmerman ('16) and Mary Clare Koebel ('19). Crayons for Kids was started by Brian Zimmerman (Marmion '07).

"Crayons for Kids exemplifies what is at the core of the Marmion Academy and Rosary High School communities — answering the call to live out our faith in service to others, just as Christ did," Mark Malkowski, Marmion's Campus Minister, said. "Our students, parents, faculty and staff members have given of their time year after year to provide supplies that many of us take for granted to those who could not otherwise afford them. Through this service, thousands of area school children are able to engage in a more well-rounded educational experience."

Participating Jewel-Osco stores were in Aurora, Batavia, Elburn, Elgin, Naperville, Oswego, St. Charles, Sugar Grove, and Yorkville.

Rosary High School is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school for young women located at 901 N. Edgelawn Drive in Aurora, and sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois. For more information about Rosary High School, visit www.rosaryhs.com. Marmion Academy is a Catholic, Benedictine college preparatory high school for young men located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora. For more information about Marmion, visit www.marmion.org.

PHOTO: Collecting school supplies for the Crayons for Kids project. Pictured are Marmion Campus Minister Mark Malkowski (Marmion '08) at left and Mary Clare Koebel (Rosary '19) fourth from right, with volunteers from Marmion and Rosary at Jewel-Osco on Galena in Aurora.