



**Multicultural Centre of SW Florida, Inc.**

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*New drive-by curbside pickup of backpacks, school supplies and more*

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Dear Friends,

In times of difficulties and challenges, America always rises and becomes stronger. It is the people with their spirit of courage and generosity who make America shine with love and hope. As we face this pandemic, the need for our Big Back Event to serve the needy students of our community is even greater this year. We are ready to serve as many needy students as we can in our community on Sunday, July 26, 2020 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Skatium Rink downtown Fort Myers. Due to the pandemic, our Big Backpack Event will be different this year. It will be a curbside style distribution to protect children, families and our volunteers. We will provide backpacks, school supplies, and hopefully food items if we are able to generate enough support from caring businesses, organizations and individuals.

In our 21 years in the community, leaders who believe in and support the BIG BACKPACK EVENT with their presence at the event include: Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson and City Council, Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno, Lee County Commissioners, Florida State members of Congress and Senate, Fort Myers City Police and Fire Fighters, Lee County School District Board and Superintendent and more.

This year, we are inviting you to join us and help the most needy and vulnerable students in our community with your financial support, your volunteer time and/or donations of food items. **All checks need to be made out to the Multicultural Centre of SW Florida, Inc. and mailed to P.O. 61713 Fort Myers, Florida 33906.** Thank you for your generosity and support. We all come together to serve those students in need today so that they can become helpful, productive and contributing members of our nation and the world tomorrow.

Sincerely,

**Leonardo García**, Co-founder

**Dr. Robert J. Brueck**, Board Chairman

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