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## Back to School Backpack Drive a Success

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[www.nationalcharityleague.org/nclacalanesarea](http://www.nationalcharityleague.org/nclacalanesarea).

Right before the school year started, the Acalanes Chapter of National Charity League (NCL), a mother-daughter philanthropic organization, was busy making sure everyone could have new school supplies this fall. Several girls from throughout Lamorinda in grades 7-12 spent three days collecting supplies for Foster A Dream, a non-profit organization in Martinez that opened its Dream Store September 15 to distribute back-to-school items including new clothing, shoes, backpacks, and school supplies to Bay Area foster children.

The non-profit's goal was to provide over 1,500 Bay Area foster children with backpacks and supplies needed for this school year. The Acalanes NCL leadership team (run by the officers of each grade level) planned the collection events and worked with CVS and The Dollar Store in Moraga to collect needed items. With everyone's generosity, the girls were able to provide over 60 backpacks to Foster A Dream as well as buy loads of additional supplies for the Dream Store. NCL members thank the retailers and shoppers who generously donated backpacks and school supplies.

For more information about Foster A Dream, visit [www.fosteradream.org](http://www.fosteradream.org). For information about NCL, visit

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