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MVPC organizes backpack drive for Afghan children coming to Bay Area

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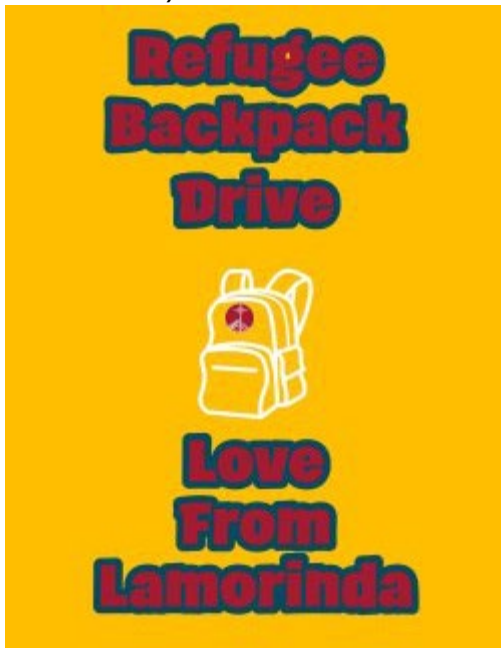


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Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church is holding a backpack drive to help the Afghan children who are being resettled in the Bay Area.

MVPC is assisting the IRC (International Rescue Committee), which is one of the two authorized agencies tasked in resettling the refugees in the Bay Area, to put together 50 backpacks with school supplies for the Afghan children who will be starting school. The backpack drive will be held through Oct. 22.

Only newly purchased backpacks and supplies will be accepted, with two types of backpacks needed: for elementary school age; and for middle/high school aged children.

Elementary school age backpacks should have packed inside them: pack of markers, pack of colored pencils, pack of pencils, erasers, small pencil sharpener, lined notebook paper, notebook, ruler, yellow highlighter, pens, child scissors, construction paper, index cards, (optional: lunch bag, water bottle, stickers or small toy). Donors should also include a note of welcome and support to the recipient.

Middle/high school aged backpacks should have packed into them: pack of pencils, erasers, pens, yellow highlighter, sharpie, ruler, index cards, 1-3 paper notebooks, paper folders to store papers, scissors, tape (optional: lunch bag, water bottle, small toy) as well as a note of welcome and support to the recipient.

Backpacks will be collected in the MVPC office through Oct. 22 (10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga). The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce is also accepting the backpacks at 251 Lafayette Circle, Suite 150 Lafayette.

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