



## WITH YOUR HELP, YOUTH CAN START THE SCHOOL YEAR OFF READY TO LEARN



It can be hard for a young student to be confident about going back to school if they don't have all the items they need. Did you know that most back-to-school lists have over 30 items on them? On top of school supplies, youth also need socks, underwear, soap and more. For most of our families this can be very hard to afford.

So, in addition to the support we offer throughout the year, we also host a Back-to-School Event every August. This event makes sure our youth have what they need to be engaged in school and prepared to learn!

With your support, over 300 youth and their siblings will receive backpacks full of supplies, hygiene items, clothing, a meal and so much more!

[Support a YOUTH today!](#)

**Fund-A-Need: Food \$10**

Your generosity will help provide one meal to a youth at our back-to-school event.

[DONATE](#)**Fund-A-Need: Clothing \$50**

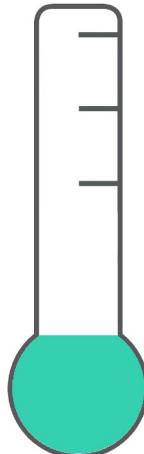
Your generosity will help provide clothing items such as socks, underwear, jeans and t-shirts to our youth.

[DONATE](#)**Fund-A-Need: Educational Support Services \$100**

Your generosity will help provide a youth with one-on-one support to stay connected and on track with school.

[DONATE](#)**Fund-A-Need: Back to School Event \$1,000**

Your generosity will help make food, clothing, hygiene and school supplies possible at our Back to School Event!

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## **YOU make The Link possible!**

The Link's programs are possible because of generous supporters like you!

So far this year, \$218,850 has been raised towards the \$1,300,000 needed in 2021. With this funding, you will make critical programs possible for the youth and families in our community.

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### **Program Highlight: *School Matters***

*School Matters* helps youth get back on track with school and so much more.

Riki was kicked out of her home at the start of her senior year of high school and spent most of the first part of the school year moving between different friends' homes. Riki had always been a good student, but between difficulties with housing and long-distance learning, she understandably struggled to stay on top of schoolwork.



Riki was connected to The Link's School Matters Program for support. Due to her hard work and the help of School Matters staff, Riki found an apartment, started working part time, and reconnected with school. Riki is now on track to graduate and feels confident about her future. Your support helps to make vital programming possible for youth like Riki.



## The Link's Pride Celebration

Our MOSAIC Committee hosted a BBQ for youth and staff at The Link in celebration of PRIDE at the end of June.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make it possible and to Cdmcatering for the delicious food!



## Twin Cities Pride Festival

The 2021 Twin Cities PRIDE Festival is this weekend, July 17 - 18th, at Loring Park in Minneapolis.

The Link will be hosting a booth and we would love to see you there! Stop by and visit us from 10am-6pm both Sat and Sun at G53.

## Corporate Partner Spotlight

Whether it is through sponsorship, volunteering, or other creative engagement, Corporate Partners are critical in making The Link's work possible. We are excited to highlight one of our amazing Corporate Partners each month and share some of the ways that they are making an impact on our youth and families!

Want to get your business or corporation involved? Contact The Link's Corporate Engagement Officer, Jelena Song, at [jsong@thelinkmn.org](mailto:jsong@thelinkmn.org)

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