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**Chestnut Hill Square Hosts School Supply Drive for**

**School on Wheels of Massachusetts**

***Donations accepted through August 28, 2022***

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (August 2022) – Chestnut Hill Square is collecting school supplies for School on Wheels of Massachusetts through August 28, 2022. Donations can be dropped off in the marked donation bin located in Starbucks at the center.

Donations of need include new, unused backpacks, pencils & pencil sharpeners, blue or black inked pens, pencil pouches, glue sticks, plastic rulers, washable markers, composition notebooks and more. 100% of the proceeds will benefit School on Wheels of Massachusetts, whose mission is to support the academic, social, and emotional growth of students impacted by homelessness. Virtual donations to purchase school supplies can be made at [SOWMA.BluSchoolSupplies.com.](https://sowma.bluschoolsupplies.com/)

"We currently have over 7,000 backpack requests for students who are experiencing homelessness and poverty in the state. Our backpack program makes a difference to each one of these children. For the children we serve, it is the difference between choosing a meal or educational needs. We do not want anyone to have to make this choice," explains Barbara Fox, Community Outreach Director for School on Wheels.

“Chestnut Hill Square is pleased to partner with School on Wheels to help students experiencing homelessness receive the supplies they need for success,” says Rebekah Macchia, Marketing Director of Chestnut Hill Square. For more information, visit [ChestnutHillSquare.com](http://www.ChestnutHillSquare.com).

**About School on Wheels of Massachusetts**

School on Wheels of Massachusetts (SOWMA) was founded in 2004 to bring one-on-one academic support to children struggling to stay on track and in school while experiencing homelessness. Since the start of the 2020/2021 academic year, SOWMA has distributed more than 6,000 new customized, grade-level backpacks to children and at-risk youth living in 38 Massachusetts communities. Trained volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to 280 students at 18 program site locations from Boston to the South Coast. The Bridge Mentoring Program provides 57 high school and college-age students with a volunteer mentor, who shepherds students through high school and onto post-secondary plans, including college, vocational training, and jobs.

For more information, visit [SOWMA.Org](https://www.sowma.org/).

**Chestnut Hill Square**

Chestnut Hill Square is an exciting lifestyle destination on Route 9 in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts that features popular shops such as Massachusetts’ first Serena & Lily, Anthropologie/BHLDN, Free People, Athleta, and more. Dining selections include Seasons 52, The Capital Grille, sweetgreen, Oath Pizza and Starbucks. Wegmans and Wegmans Wine, Liquor & Beer provide customers with the area’s best grocery shopping, while Equinox, Precision Running Lab by Equinox, SoulCycle, and Lunette Optic offer sought-after fitness and health options. Chestnut Hill Square’s Medical Office Building includes Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare-Chestnut Hill, Beth Israel Lahey Health Urgent Care and eight medical offices. Chestnut Hill Square is a New England Development shopping destination. For more information, visit [ChestnutHillSquare.com](http://www.ChestnutHillSquare.com).

**New England Development**

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