

# TOOLS for SCHOOLS

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## Tools for Schools 2017

For the last 3 years Communities In Schools of Wayne County has been **blown away** by support from the local community. Thanks to many generous individuals, corporations, and nonprofits we have been able to raise and distribute well over 20,000 school supplies. These supplies have been given freely to hundreds of at-risk students who would have otherwise gone without. The mission of Communities In Schools is 'to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life'. Through Tools for Schools we have been able to do just that, so **thank you** to all of the supporters who have made this possible.

In an effort to continue this vital service to our students, Communities In Schools is **officially announcing the beginning of its 2017 Tools for Schools drive!** To make this drive even more successful than those of previous years, we are reorganizing the way in which we collect donations. We often find ourselves bombarded by Crayons and notebooks, but short on important supplies like scientific calculators and binders. To alleviate this issue, this year CIS will be focusing its efforts primarily on raising monetary donations. This will allow us to purchase the supplies we need when we need them. To encourage donations, we have created a variety of fundraising events that will help your organization continue to raise funds for the cause. They are listed below:

**Dress Down Day** - Give \$5 to wear jeans and/or \$5 to wear tennis shoes!

**Raffle for Prizes** - Employees pay \$5 per ticket; prizes could include prime parking spots, a vacation day, or more!

**Ugly Tie Contest** - Everyone can bring their ugliest tie; \$1 = 1 vote. The ugliest tie wins a prize!

**Workplace Auction** - Employees may bring an item, whether valuable or goofy, and coworkers bid to win. Winning bids benefit CIS!

We encourage you to host 2-3 of these events within your workplaces to rally your coworkers behind a cause that matters- **helping at-risk youth succeed**. Tools for Schools partners may select which events would work best for them and adjust them to fit the culture of their environment. We simply ask that you would inform us which events you would like to host and when they will happen. Email [mattr@ciswayneco.org](mailto:mattr@ciswayneco.org) and [beckym@ciswayneco.org](mailto:beckym@ciswayneco.org) to notify us!

### **Info on Physical Donations:**

For those who prefer to give physical supplies, CIS will have a box available for drop-off at our office (address shown at bottom of page; *we will not be placing boxes at partner locations this year*). **We will also be hosting a 'Stuff the Bus' event at the Richmond Walmart on July 15th from 10am-1pm.** Mark your calendars and invite friends, family, and coworkers to attend! Supply lists will be available at this event.

Once again, **THANK YOU** to all of the partners who have made Tools for Schools successful in our local community. We look forward to working with you this year to help make Wayne County a better place for our students to learn and grow!