



CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

"Backpacks and Snacks" Event Provides School Supplies

On August 13, 2016, a total of 30 local children participated in a new program titled "Backpacks and Snacks with a Deputy." The goal is to provide children with much needed new school supplies. This program also fosters positive relationships between youth and emergency first responders.

With the generous donations from community partners, this event assisted nearly 30 children identified and nominated by local schools. Each child received a backpack filled with school supplies, enjoyed some lunch and spent time with Cornelius Sheriff's Deputies and the Cornelius Fire Department.

This event was made possible by donations from Cornelius Walmart, the Washington County Police Officers Association and the Western Washington County Firefighter's Association.

Cornelius Police Chief Roque said, "We are thankful to all of the supporters of this program. It gives you a good feeling to be part of making a child's future a little brighter."



Dr Perla Rodríguez Principal, Echo Shaw Elementary School said, "This event is important for various reasons. In addition to supplying students with greatly needed school supplies, it also creates an opportunity for students to connect with our local law enforcement officials in a family like environment, further strengthening our community as a whole."

The Sheriff's Office thanks everyone involved for their hard work and the generous contributions to help make this event a success.