



**CHILDREN'S TRUST**  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

## JC Carter's Foundation, Inc.

Request Date:	3/5/2026
Requesting Organization:	JC Carter's Foundation, Inc.
Contact Name:	Yolanda Strong
Event Name:	2026 Community Backpack Giveaway Event (Annual)
Event Date:	7/11/2026
Event Summary:	<p>JC Carter's Foundation, Inc. is requesting sponsorship support from CTAC to host our annual Community Backpack Giveaway Event, a structured service and school readiness event designed to advance CTAC's strategic priorities. This family-centered initiative promotes academic preparedness, youth wellness, and community safety by providing free backpacks filled with essential school supplies, complimentary haircuts and basic hairstyles, and access to community resources. The event creates a supportive environment where children and youth arrive at school prepared, confident, and ready to learn, directly aligning with CTAC's goals that children and youth learn what they need to be successful and are healthy with nurturing caregivers and relationships. Through organized check-in procedures, supervised activity areas, motivational guest speakers, and a mini youth sports camp that promotes teamwork and physical wellness, the event fosters positive youth development in a safe, well-managed community setting.</p> <p>In addition to serving more than 300 families annually, JCCF has directly supported 112 student athletes through mentorship and engagement opportunities, while also providing high school students with volunteer opportunities that fulfill graduation service-hour requirements and strengthen workforce readiness skills. The event functions as a service and cultural fair, connecting families to job readiness resources, health education information, community vendors, and local partners in a centralized and accessible format.</p>
Number of Attendees:	350
Expenses Summary:	These funds will assist with printing outreach and promotional materials (\$750), purchasing backpacks and essential school supplies (\$1,300), and covering a portion of remaining operational costs such as decorations and related event materials (\$450).
Requested Amount:	\$2500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$1500
Authorized By:	