

## **You Can Support Kids in Military Families With School Supplies Drive Thru Aug 9**

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In addition to Darien Human Services Department's back-to-school donation drive for Darien school kids from Aug 13 to 30, and the United Church of Rowayton's drive (through Aug. 15), for area school kids, there's a third donation drive, this one for children with parents in the military.

[Dollar Tree stores](#) in the area, including the one at [330 Connecticut Ave. in Norwalk](#), near Exit 14 on I-95, will accept donations (not coincidentally, we're sure, you can buy them right in the store) **through Thursday Aug. 9** for distribution by [Operation Homefront](#).

**Charity Ratings Give Group Thumbs Up**

- [What Charity Navigator says](#) about Operation Homefront
- What [CharityWatch.org says](#) (although check out the whopping top salaries)
- What [Better Business Bureau says](#)

*Here's most of an announcement from Dollar Tree and Operation Homefront:*

The charity and [Dollar Tree Inc.](#) have joined forces for the 10th consecutive year to collect school supplies for military children through the national nonprofit's Back-to-School Brigade.

**Thursday, Aug. 9** is the deadline for Hartford-New Haven area Dollar Tree customers to purchase school supplies and place them in collection bins located in each store.

Operation Homefront will distribute the supplies to military children at more than 60 [Back-to-School Brigade](#) expos and at numerous additional local community partner events across the nation in July and August.

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***See also:***

[Appeals for Donated School Supplies: Rowayton Church's Drive Runs Till Aug 15; Darien Human Services' Runs Aug 13 to 30](#) (July 27)

In 2017, families spent \$500 per student for school supplies on average, a significant increase from \$488 per student in 2016.

The [Back-to-School Brigade](#), which has distributed more than 300,000 backpacks since 2008, helps to alleviate some of these financial costs for military families by providing backpacks with a variety of needed supplies, including pens, pencils, paper, scissors, and binders.

For more information about how to support the Back-to-School Brigade, visit [OperationHomefront.org](http://OperationHomefront.org).