

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**August 26, 2025****Gloversville Educational Foundation Hosts Successful Backpack Giveaway for Local Scholars****Plus: Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations**

Gloversville, NY — The Gloversville Educational Foundation, in partnership with Lashawn's Heart and the Gloversville Public Library, proudly hosted its **6th Annual Backpack Giveaway** today at Trail Station Park on W. Fulton Street. The event brought together families from across the community to help scholars start the school year prepared and excited for learning.

Hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to local children on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to the backpack giveaway, attendees enjoyed a picnic-style lunch, face painting, and a coloring station provided by Target, creating a fun and family-friendly atmosphere. **The Gloversville Police Department** was also on hand to provide student IDs, adding an extra layer of safety and support for families.

Giving back to our amazing community is at the heart of everything we do," said **Lashawn Hawkins, founder of Lashawn's Heart**. "This event is about more than backpacks—it's about making sure every child feels supported and ready to succeed. I want to thank the Gloversville Educational Foundation, our community partners, and every volunteer who made this day possible. Together, we're showing what true community spirit looks like."

The Gloversville Educational Foundation would like to thank all volunteers, community partners, and sponsors who made this event possible, especially Lashawn's Heart, the Gloversville Public Library, and Target. Together, we're ensuring that every scholar in our district has the tools they need for success on the first day of school and beyond.

Gloversville Alumni Hall of Fame: Nominations Deadline Approaching

Help us honor outstanding GESD alumni who helped cultivate Gloversville pride and spirit.

Deadline: Oct. 1, 2025

Induction Ceremony: Feb. 26, 2026 at the Eccentric Club

More nomination form pickup spots added at:

- **Kingsborough Golf Club**
- **Fox Run Golf Course**
- **Fit Happens**
- **Gloversville Public Library**

Follow the *Gloversville Alumni Hall of Fame* group on Facebook for updates and spotlights!

Get Involved: Together, we're building a brighter future for Gloversville. To learn more about upcoming events or how you can support the Gloversville Educational Foundation, please contact: **GEF12078@gmail.com**