

## Push for Pencils 2010 Info Sheet



### Push for Pencils

Push for Pencils is a community-wide supply drive to benefit local kids in need. During the drive, participating partners collect school supplies and financial donations for KidSmart.

Businesses, organizations and community groups throughout the St. Louis area host drives from August 1-31. The collected supplies are distributed to local children through KidSmart's Free Educational Supply Store.

Last year's Push for Pencils collected nearly 500,000 supplies along with \$70,000 for local school children in need.

### The Need

More than 90,000 St. Louis area children cannot afford the most basic school supplies. KidSmart gives these students hope and the chance to succeed in school by providing them with free school supplies throughout the year.

### Get Involved

KidSmart is always looking for groups to participate in Push for Pencils. KidSmart will provide all of the materials needed to host a successful drive.

Numerous volunteer opportunities are also available. For more information visit [www.kidsmartstl.org](http://www.kidsmartstl.org), contact Jessica Weinreis at [jessi@kidsmart.org](mailto:jessi@kidsmart.org), or call (314) 291-6211.

*By participating in Push for Pencils, you are painting a brighter future for students like Natasha and giving them the chance to succeed in school.*

