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## **Navient Foundation and Hearts & Hands United help Delaware County children succeed in the classroom**

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 15, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Children across Delaware County are prepared in the classroom, thanks to Hearts & Hands United of Delaware County, a volunteer organization that helps serve the school supply needs of children in the area. Navient Foundation, the company-sponsored philanthropic fund, donated \$2,500 to purchase school supplies.

"We have had the support of Navient since Hearts & Hands United began in 2007 to provide backpacks and school supplies for the students of Delaware County. We give away over 1,000 backpacks and supplies each year," said Becki Clock, board president, Hearts & Hands. "The grant from Navient helps us purchase the backpacks and supplies that are not donated by people in our community. We appreciate having a partnership with Navient, who continues to be committed to making Delaware County an amazing community."

Backpacks are donated to students filled with classroom supplies, such as pencils, rulers, notebooks, markers and other grade-appropriate materials. In addition, the organization helps ensure that children in need attend school with a brand new pair of sneakers throughout the year.

"Ensuring local students have the necessary materials they need for school is important in keeping children engaged and focused in the classroom and helps strengthen the next generation of our community," said Kevin Campbell, vice president, Navient. "We are grateful to have Hearts & Hands working tirelessly in our area to make sure no child will feel left out."

Hearts & Hands also works to provide new and gently used coats for children and adults during the wintertime. [Donations](#) are accepted for all items.

Learn more about [Hearts & Hands United of Delaware County](#) and how you can get [involved](#).

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