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## **Drive-Through School Supply Drive Collects Over 800 Donated Items**

*Donations are for the benefit of students served by Communities In Schools of Brunswick County*

SOUTHPORT—The second annual “Operation School Supplies” at Doshier Memorial Hospital which took place on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> collected over 800 donated items and \$120.00 in monetary donations from generous supporters. Donated items included colored pencils, crayon boxes, markers, pencil pouches, notebooks, pens, pencils, scissors, erasers, 3 ring binders, and glue sticks. All monetary and school supply donations were for the benefit of students served by Communities In Schools of Brunswick County.

This event was held in conjunction with the Communities In Schools annual Back to School Supply Drive which takes place each August. For those still interested in donating, collection boxes can be found at Communities In Schools thrift shops throughout Brunswick County.

Doshier President and CEO Lynda Stanley said, “We are extremely grateful for everyone who supported this event and appreciate being part of a community that rallies for the well-being of the entire community. Your generosity will enable the students in our area to go back to school ready to learn and prepared to succeed.”

CIS Executive Director Bonnie Jordan was thrilled with the outpouring of support for local students, sharing, “Equipping students with the tools needed to start a new school year is a critical first step in being prepared to learn. For families that struggle financially to provide the supplies their children need, these donations are essential. We are so very grateful for the support of Doshier Memorial Hospital and our generous community members!”

**About Doshier:**

Dosher Memorial Hospital in Southport operates a network of medical and surgical services in our local area. In addition to hospital and surgical services, Dosher runs five primary care clinics, a seasonal clinic on Bald Head Island, a Convenient Care, a general surgery practice, and a women's health clinic. For more detailed information on our service lines, visit our website at [Dosher.org](http://Dosher.org).

### **About Communities In Schools**

Communities In Schools of Brunswick County has been serving local students and families for the past twenty-seven years, in partnership with Brunswick County Schools and other community partners. Its primary focus is dropout prevention. The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. The organization provides the Action for Success Dropout Prevention Program, Peer Court, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Afterschool and Summer Camp Program. The core program, Action for Success, places Success Coaches in local high-need schools to work during the school day with students identified as at-risk for not being promoted to the next grade at the end of the school year or dropping out of school. Services are provided through individualized Student Support Plans that include academic tutoring, social-emotional learning, mentoring, behavioral interventions, school attendance interventions, and basic needs (clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, winter coats). The program serves over 450 students annually.

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**Ilene Evans, Doshier Director of Marketing and Community Relations holds up a case of donated 3-ring binders at the school supply drop off station outside of the hospital front entrance.**