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## Kroger collecting supplies for needy

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Area Kroger stores have teamed up with Dayton's Crayons to Classrooms program for the second year in a row to help get donated educational supplies in the hands of area students in need.

The Crayons 4 Classrooms school supply drive is running through the month of August.

Collection barrels are located in 20 Dayton-area Kroger stores. The school supplies will be used to help stock the Crayons to Classrooms teacher free store.

The items teachers in this program most often request are pencils, folders, pens, scissors, 24-count crayons, rulers, glue sticks, markers, filler paper, notebooks, construction paper and facial tissue.

To participate, teachers must be from schools that are preregistered, and the criterion is that at least 70 percent of the school's students participate in the National School Lunch Program.

In the Greater Dayton area, there are about 85 schools and 1,400 teachers serving the educational needs of 23,000 children that qualify, according to Steve Rubenstein, executive director of Crayons to Classrooms.

"Many students in our community go to school every day without the necessary supplies needed to learn," Rubenstein said. "Thanks to the very generous support of the Kroger Co., Crayons to Classrooms will be in a much better position to fill this need."



Kroger has donated store display shelves, lighting fixtures and shopping carts, and has contributed more than \$10,000 to the cause in the past two years.

The drive will conclude Aug. 31.

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