



June 5, 2018

Dear Community Sponsor:

I am the Executive Director and I'm writing on behalf of Gabriella's Smile Foundation. The Foundation was created on March 30, 2016 in honor of our beautiful six-year-old daughter Gabriella Elise. She courageously and bravely fought DIPG, an inoperable brain stem tumor, for almost eight months and sadly passed away on November 7, 2015. Our **mission** is to help families, fund research and raise awareness for DIPG and pediatric brain cancer.

While we were in the hospital, our friends and family rallied around us in support. In August of 2015 we spent 17 days in the hospital and were discharged right before the new school year began. It was only because of our local support system that our family was blessed with back to school clothing, backpacks, shoes and supplies. Because of their generosity, we decided to launch *Operation Back to School* in 2016 as part of Gabriella's Gifts program. Since 2016, we have collected and delivered over 250 backpacks to local San Antonio hospitals.

This year we are expanding to the Rio Grande Valley and will also be collecting backpacks for Vannie E. Cook Children's Cancer Clinic in McAllen, Texas. Will you join us for this amazing project? We are looking for businesses as community partners to help make our 2018 drive our biggest one yet! As a community partner or sponsor, your business (or multiple locations) can serve as a drop off location to collect these supplies and backpacks. This is a great way to give back to the community and families of children fighting cancer. The backpacks also go to siblings of children fighting cancer because cancer affects the entire family.

If you would like to serve as a drop off location for Operation Back to School, you can sign up using the [link](#) on our website under the Operation Back to School page. If you prefer to give a monetary donation to this cause, you can make them online at strongerthandipg.org/donate. Please indicate in the personal note field that you are giving to our back to school drive or you can send a check to Gabriella's Smile Foundation 10650 Culebra Rd. Ste 104 PMB 129 San Antonio, Texas 78251. For inquiries, please contact us at 877-398-3292 or via email info@strongerthandipg.org. To learn more about our foundation and story, please visit strongerthandipg.org.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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