

Backpacks of Hope

By Jenna Caputo

For the tenth year in a row the Women in Business Committee (WIB) of The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County have put together the Backpacks of Hope for this school year to benefit Wellspring (formerly known as Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga). Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community and chamber members, 2018 was a record-breaking year for this program, with over 400 backpacks filled with school supplies for local students whose families are impacted by domestic violence.

Backpacks of Hope is part of the WIB Committee's hallmark charitable initiative, Baskets of Hope, which benefits local families seeking the assistance and refuge of Wellspring. As financial hardships only add to the burden of families facing domestic violence issues, providing these

children with a brand new backpack filled with school supplies really helps ease these burdens during the busy start of the school year.

Donations for both the Backpacks of Hope and Baskets of Hope are accepted year-round at The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County office located at 58 Clifton Country Rd, Suite 102, in Clifton Park. For more information, please contact the chamber at www.southernsaratoga.org. ■



HISTORY



Smith & Carriage Shop

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This photograph shows five men and a child outside the Blacksmith and Carriage Shop on Old Route 146 in Clifton Park Village circa 1890. The sign reads "Smith & Carriage Shop." Two carriages sit to the right. ■

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