

Seniors Gift Backpacks and School Supplies to Students

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These are some of the happy faces that received backpacks and school supplies this past Friday from the Harlem Center for Care and Rehabilitation.

"I'm glad to be here because I've never been to something like that, so good and so humane," said Israel Santiago, one of the seniors at the event.

The children, from prekindergarten through fifth grade, are students at Manhattan's PS195 public school. The center decided to give away the 100 backpacks with supplies and the school chose the students with the most need.

Natasha Cowan, a social worker at the Harlem Center, said, "They were so happy out here with the kids, the kids are happy too. [We] are glad to be here."

John B. Russwurm Elementary School is near to the center operated by The Allure Group, a for-profit entity that has five other locations in New York and seeks to act as a 'good neighbor' to the school.

About 100 children enjoyed receiving these school supplies, but they were not the only ones happy here: the elderly also had a great day.

According to a classroom assistant, the school needs and appreciates the help: "When I came up with my class right now, they are between the age of three turning four, some are four, and they were super super happy and they didn't want to remove the *bookbags*," said Carmen Candelario.

The activity united two generations, the seniors who filled the bundles and the children who enjoyed their new school supplies.

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