About ACT:

Created in 1996 as a long term solution for welfare reform, non-profit ACT is nationally recognized as a leader in helping families to move from financial crisis to self-reliance and personal success. ACT participants receive financial assistance after completing a family self-sufficiency plan. While here, they can receive counseling, budgeting and other educational class work, career preparedness training, job search and job retention assistance, mentoring, and support while their young children are cared for in our children's education center.

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Success is something all parents want for their children

At ACT, we help families achieve success by teaching them how to help themselves

ACT
Accountability & Credibility Together

Celebrating 10 Years of Success:
Eliminating Poverty One Family At A Time

We're ACT

We're ACT, or Accountability and Credibility Together, a unique social service agency. We've been called Ohio's best example of a private organization diverting families from welfare. What's different about us is our compassionate, yet 'tough love' approach. Instead of hand-outs and short term fixes, our staff collaborate with families in developing a self-sufficiency plan. It's only after families have committed to working toward positive change that they can receive our financial support. We're there for them at every step along the way, for the course of a year. It's all about teaching people to help themselves, to be accountable.

Some say ACT is about helping families to overcome crisis, others say it's about prevention. The reality is when the goal is to find long term solutions to problems, you accomplish both. Our participants learn there is no failure in trying, only in giving up. It's a choice.

This school year,

when our participating parents receive letters from their children's schools telling them what school supplies they need to purchase, we'd like to help them out. But we can't do it alone. As Hamilton County's only welfare diversion agency, we serve nearly 1300 families each year, including more than 3700 school aged children.

By supporting Collecting for Kids, you're doing so much more than helping needy families. You're helping to give a second chance to families who have fallen into hard times, but who are working hard to make positive life changes. They could be your neighbors or your co-workers. They're families who haven't given up and neither are we. They deserve all the support we can give.

How you can help:

- organize an ACT school supply collection among your community group or religious organization
- organize an ACT school supply collection at work
- donate school supplies to ACT personally
- donate money that ACT can use to purchase school supplies
- volunteer to help ACT with sorting of donations

Donors will receive a coupon for 10% off the cost of a membership or for a free admission with the purchase of an admission to the Cincinnati Zoo.

What is needed (for students in grades K through 12):

2 pocket folders	glue sticks
pens	tissue
crayon packs (24)	colored pencils
scissors	protractors
book bags	index cards
pencil sharpeners	wide ruled paper
college ruled paper	rulers
highlighters	red pens
safety scissors	book covers
composition notebooks	scientific calculators
pencils	paper towels

For a listing of items by grade, please visit our Website at www.acthelps.org

Checks should be made payable to ACT, and should be sent to ACT School Supply Collection; ACT; 1005 Walnut Street; Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

If you too believe in personal successes,

please help us during our **Collecting for Kids** school supply drive. Call Lisa Desatnik at 513-345-1728 or email actweb@acthelps.org for more information or to participate. ACT will be happy to supply you with support information, collection boxes, or a speaker. We ask that collected supplies be delivered to ACT (1005 Walnut Street) no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 8. You can also drop off supplies at Cincinnati-area Office Depot locations or the Cincinnati Herald business office (354 Hearne Ave).