

Johnston High School Junior Alex White has selected the Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community and the Back to School Health Clinic as the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout Project. Alex is a life-long resident of Johnston and a member of Troop 316, which meets at Des Moines Christian School. In addition to providing service and fulfilling the part of the Scout Oath, "to help other people at all times," one of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout service project is to develop and demonstrate leadership skills. Related to this are important lessons in project management and taking responsibility for a significant accomplishment. Alex has set a goal to fill 50 back packs for needy kids, some of which attend the same Johnston elementary school he went to, Lawson.

"I want to make sure every kid has the opportunity to get the same education I received," explained Alex when asked why he selected this project. He understands kids need certain school supplies to help them succeed.

Alex will be working with the local community to collect school supplies that are provided to kids in the Johnston School district that need a helping hand. This will be the second year that the Johnston Partnership has worked with Urbandale Community Action Network to host the clinic which provides health screenings and immunizations to students in the two western suburbs that may not have access to these resources otherwise.

For his project Alex will be organizing neighborhood walks to share the school supply needs and offer community members the chance to donate for this project. For selected Johnston neighborhoods, a flyer with a recommended school supply list will be provided. The following weekend, Alex and volunteers, will pick up the supplies left on porches of those who contribute. These walks will be occurring in the months of April and May. If you would like to help with a donation of supplies or a monetary donation to purchase supplies, you may contact Alex White ([bseawhite@aol.com](mailto:bseawhite@aol.com) or 278-8214) or Partnership President, Kelly Renfrow ([president@johnstonpartnership.org](mailto:president@johnstonpartnership.org)). A list of the supplies needed can be found at [www.johnstonpartnership.org](http://www.johnstonpartnership.org) in the donate section. Checks should be made payable to Johnston Partnership, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and can be given to Alex or mailed to Johnston Partnership, PO Box 975, Johnston, IA 50131. Online donations are also available at [www.johnstonpartnership.org](http://www.johnstonpartnership.org). Please note "school supplies" on your check or credit card donation. Your donation is tax deductible in accordance with the current tax laws. Tax receipts for supplies and monetary donations will be provided.