

# NEWS

## Communities In Schools of Atlanta

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATLANTA AND DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOLS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE STAY IN SCHOOL AND PREPARE FOR LIFE

### WAOK and Office Depot Host Back to School Drive

Hundreds of students were able to go to school with ample school supplies thanks to Communities in Schools of Atlanta and WAOK-AM. The two entities joined forces to host a Back to School Supply Drive, held outside of the Midtown Office Depot. WAOK-AM talk show hosts Ron Wilson, Lorraine Jaques-White, Jean Ross, and Jay McLaughlin publicized the initiative on their radio show, and scores of listeners and Office Depot customers responded – purchasing items and then donating them to CIS of Atlanta.

The items included pencils, ink pens, highlighters, paper, notebooks, folders, binders, glue, markers, and we are excited to report that this year's drive generated school supplies valued at \$14,672 (including the 350 backpack received during the Office Depot press conference on August 4<sup>th</sup>). That is more than double the amount received during last year's drive!

All of the supplies were distributed to students in the 38 schools in the Atlanta Public School system and the DeKalb County School system that are service by CIS of Atlanta. Thanks to all those patrons and partners who helped make this event a success.



CIS program coordinators: Angela Jones, Courtney Bell, and Razikiwe Adisa gather around Rob Wilson, the man responsible for leading the initiative behind the WAOK and Office Depot Back to School Supply Drive.