

WHAT IS OPÉRATION SAC À DOS ?

Together, let's make their dreams come true,
one backpack at a time!



Every year, at the end of August, Regroupement Partage launches Opération Sac à Dos (OSAD). With some 30 service points across Quebec, OSAD aims to promote the inclusion and academic commitment of disadvantaged children by providing them with new backpacks, lunch boxes, and school supplies.

Opération Sac à Dos is about more than just distributing backpacks; the program serves as a gateway for families in need to access local support networks. In each district and territory where it takes place, OSAD is supported by dozens of organizations that offer complementary services, all working together to achieve a common goal: ensuring the well-being of children and vulnerable families.

In this way, Opération Sac à Dos not only fosters the mobilization and cooperation of all players in the community but also encourages civic involvement in the neighborhoods it serves.

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WHEN

Since 2002, Opération Sac à Dos has been held during the third week of August. This year, OSAD will occur from August 13 to 22, 2026.



WHERE

OSAD is deployed in over 30 points of service across Quebec.



WHAT

OSAD is an annual initiative of Regroupement Partage. Its main objective is to help children from economically disadvantaged families by providing them with backpacks, lunch boxes, and school supplies. Children have the opportunity to choose a backpack they like from a variety of styles, colors, and patterns. Involving children in the choice of their school supplies helps them develop the sense of confidence they need to succeed in the new school year.

In addition to providing families with material assistance for the back-to-school season, OSAD also serves as a gateway to a network of community organizations capable of offering more comprehensive support throughout the year.



FOR WHOM

Opération Sac à dos aims to support families who need help with back-to-school expenses. With record inflation and rising housing prices, no one is immune to financial hardship. The reality is that more and more households, including those in the middle class, now find themselves in a precarious financial situation. OSAD is there to offer a helping hand to thousands of families across Quebec.



WHY

OSAD helps reduce the financial and psychological stress associated with the start of the new school year. With the unprecedented growth in the number of households living in precarious situations, this assistance is even more necessary.

The main aim of the program is to build children's confidence by giving them the tools they need for a successful start to the new school year, and to provide participating families with the support they need to cope with the difficulties they face.



BY WHOM

Opération Sac à Dos is a program of Regroupement Partage, deployed thanks to the joint efforts of community organizations, hundreds of volunteers, and thousands of donors. In this way, OSAD is a concrete example of the mobilization and cooperation of all players in the community, as well as of citizen involvement in the neighborhoods where it is deployed.

In 2026, Regroupement Partage's Opération Sac à Dos aims to help more than 12,000 children and their families break free from the cycle of poverty.

Points of service and Centres de services scolaires OSAD 2026

Autres points de services :

- . MRC de l'Assomption
- . MRC des Laurentides - Mont-Tremblant
- . MRC des Laurentides - Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts
- . Nicolet - Yamaska
- . CSS de la Région-de-Sherbrooke



HOW

With the funds raised during its annual fundraising campaign, Regroupement Partage buys school supplies at advantageous prices and gives them to the community organizations deploying OSAD at the neighborhood level.

For example, a backpack full of school supplies, worth around \$185 at retail price, costs Regroupement Partage around \$ 33.50.

OSAD in numbers



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