Oakland nonprofit to donate 280 backpacks, school supplies to East Oakland elementary school

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With back-to-school quickly approaching, a parent’s search for affordable school supplies for his or her child can be difficult and require a lot of time. Capture The Dream Inc., a Oakland-based nonprofit organization, plans to help with this time consuming task.

The organization has announced that it will distribute backpacks loaded with school supplies to all 280 students at Accom Woodland Elementary School in East Oakland on Aug. 28 at 8:30 a.m. through its Sixth Annual DreamPack Campaign.

Capture the Dream Inc. volunteers will be on hand at the elementary school to stuff the backpacks on Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Golden State Warriors coach and/or player will be present on Aug. 28 to distribute the backpacks.

For more information, contact Janine Lee, the founder and CEO of Capture the Dream Inc. at (510) 545-3635 or Tom Kerner at (510) 681-6898.

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Art Is In Coffee serves up a side of social justice with focus on direct trade

You may not have social justice and creating fairer global economies on the brain as you guzzle down your morning cup of coffee — but Oakland residents Sara Hoda and Lazzuly Maku sure do.

In May, Hoda and Maku co-founded Art Is In Coffee, a (somewhat) mobile coffee cart which uses 100 percent direct trade coffee and aims to reclaim and recreate sidewalks all over Oakland as art and community spaces.

Art Is In Coffee also is currently fundraising to finish mobilizing its cart and buy the various permits needed for the ladies’ endeavors. To learn more, visit their Kickstarter page.

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