

## COMMUNITY LIFE



Staff photos/Steve Hunt

### Helping School Kids by Helping Out at UCM

Belle View area resident Elliot Simon, a student at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, in photo above left, spent hours Monday at United Community Ministries helping pack backpacks full of school supplies that will be distributed later this week. UCM is in need of more school supplies especially scientific calculators (which can be found for about \$7 each) pocket folders, and bottles of glue. UCM volunteer and community outreach coordinator Christine Fiske, in photo above right, said more than 40 people have volunteered in recent days to help filling the backpacks. Cash donations are also welcome and the average cost to fill a provide a student with school supplies is around \$25 for younger kids, about \$40 for middle school and up to \$75 for high school students. Donations of supplies can be dropped off at UCM's office at 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306 and checks can also be mailed to that address.

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