

Russell Horning aka Backpack Kid Sends Autographed Photo to 10-Year-Old Fan Who Lost Leg

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, USA, January 11, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Russell Horning](#), recognized around the world as “Backpack Kid,” uses his fame to boost awareness of charities and positive causes, and he regularly gives back to his community. Even with international fame, however, Backpack Kid is mindful to reach out to a fan in need as he recently did for a 10-year-old boy who lost his leg.

Russell Horning has danced for years, creating his own wacky style and posting his moves to social media platforms like YouTube and Instagram. He does it for fun and because he loves to dance, so it’s not a big deal to him.

But to the rest of the world, Backpack is a viral sensation and his popular dance “the Floss” might be the catchiest choreography since “Single Ladies” swept the internet. It’s only in the last couple of years that Backpack Kid’s iconic dances have gone from being shared between a handful of family members and friends to gaining around 50 million online views in a single year.

You may recognize Backpack Kid from his legendary SNL performance alongside pop superstar Katy Perry. Or maybe you’d recognize his “floss” moves from the millions of people trying it out, whether in online video form or in person. His dance has become so famous that it’s been implemented into one of the most successful cross-platform games of all time, Fortnite.

There’s no denying that 17-year old Russell Horning is both famous and busy with his own schedule, yet he still carves out time to give back to the community and support his fans. In the past, he’s surprised kids at elementary schools in need with donations of backpacks and school supplies and asked them up to perform the Floss dance alongside him. He’s also appeared at Zumba conferences and other events as a guest speaker, proving that his focus is on bringing people together.

He’s partnered with major outreach programs and has worked with the Lawrenceville Housing Authority, Families of Children Under Stress (FOCUS), and Gwinnett County Public schools in different capacities.

And when he hears news that a fan of his “flossing” moves is suffering, he’s quick to step in with encouragement. Recently, a 10-year-old Backpack Kid fan suffered an injury that required the amputation of his leg below the knee. Gavin, who suffered the injury, spent weeks in the hospital but is now home and continues his recovery in earnest. And he has the encouragement of Backpack Kid to help him through the tough times.



Gavin was pleased to know that Backpack Kid not only heard about his ordeal, but cared enough to send an autographed photo his way. It's just one of the many ways [Russell Horning encourages](#) togetherness and solidarity, even between a rising star and a fan in need.

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