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BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE IN SESSION FOR BROWARD COUNTY'S FOSTER CHILDREN

Plantation, FL – While children enjoy their last few weeks of summer, most parents are busy finalizing back to school shopping lists filled with everything from new clothes to new school supplies. Unfortunately, for about 1,400 foster children in Broward County there is not a parent making sure they have the necessary school supplies. However, local residents and businesses can ensure that these children are fully prepared for the 2010-2011 school year by supporting ChildNet's **Back-To-School Drive**. ChildNet, the private, not for profit organization, created to manage the child welfare system in Broward County, hosts the annual drive to collect school supplies for Broward's abused children.

Suzanne Baker, ChildNet's In-Kind Coordinator and primary contact for the Back-To-School Drive urges the community to get involved. "When parents are doing their back to school shopping, they can pick up an extra box of pens and pencils or a local company can volunteer to provide backpacks for a few children," suggested Suzanne. "There are many ways the community can ensure that local foster children have everything they need to succeed in the new school year." Specific details about the drive are listed below.

ChildNet's Back-To-School Drive

Contact: Suzanne Baker, In-Kind Coordinator

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Drop off location: 313 N. State Road 7, Plantation, FL 33317

*Last Day to Donate is **Friday, August 27th***

Most Needed Items

- Backpacks for children in grades K-12
- Pens (red, black and blue ink)
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Composition Books
- Two-Pocket Folders
- Spiral Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Paper (College and Wide Rule)
- Highlighters
- Three-Prong Folders with and without Pockets
- Calculators

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ChildNet is the private, not for profit organization selected by the state through a competitive process to serve as the local Community Based Care lead agency. As the lead agency, ChildNet manages the local system of services and supports for Broward's abused, abandoned and neglected children and their caregivers. This system of care was developed with extensive input from local stakeholders