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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 isn't a parent making sure they have the necessary school supplies. However, local residents and businesses can ensure that these children are prepared for the 2011-2012 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 folders 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 19th***

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 that administers the child welfare system in Broward County. Its mission is to protect Broward's abused, abandoned and neglected children. ChildNet manages the cases of approximately 2,000 children and their caregivers and delivers a comprehensive local system of care through subcontracts with more than 30 social service agencies. Since its founding in 2003, Broward County's abused children are safer, their placements are more stable and they move to permanent, loving homes more quickly. ChildNet is accredited by the Council on Accreditation. For more information about ChildNet and its services, visit www.ChildNet.us or call (954) 414-6000.