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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW BACKPACKS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN FUNDED BY THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

July 23, 2009—Kissimmee, FL: The Foundation for Osceola Education, Inc. recently received a grant to purchase new backpacks for needy children in the amount of \$25,000 from the Orlando Sentinel Family Fund, a fund of the McCormick Foundation. This grant will help needy elementary school students obtain school supplies and backpacks to start the 2009-2010 school year. The Education Foundation's, Gotta Getta Good Start Backpack program, will serve over 1,700 children throughout Osceola County. For questions regarding the backpack program, please call the Education Foundation at 407-870-4855.

Backpacks will be distributed on August 12th and 13th at the OASIS Department located at The School District of Osceola County. The Young Volunteers in Action (a group of volunteer teens representing every high school in the district) works under the supervision of OASIS staff to assemble and distribute the backpacks and supplies. For registration, contact Mary Johnson at OASIS at phone number 407-870-4013.



(Pictured above are students and parents picking up backpacks at the OASIS Department)

Registration forms are available at the following locations and are due to OASIS no later than Monday, August 3rd, 2009. **Your free supply-filled backpack will ONLY be available at the OASIS office at The School District for Osceola County. (Backpacks will not be distributed until the application has been processed and OASIS will be the only location to give out backpacks).**

Business

Osceola County Health Department
Osceola County WIC Program
Chambers Parks Neighborhood Center
Park Community Center

Location

1875 Boggy Creek, Kissimmee, FL 34744
1050 Grape Avenue, St. Cloud, FL
2310 Smith Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744
717 N. Palm Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34741

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More

Hopkins Park
Labor Ready

620 E. 17th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769-6120
2291 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy,
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Department of Children & Families
Poinciana Community Center
St. Cloud Civic Center

1507 N. John Young Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744
395 Marigold Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34759
3001 17th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769

The **Education Foundation~Osceola County** is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting public education, teachers, and students. Led by a 44-member board of directors, the Foundation awards scholarships each year to Osceola County graduates. Other important accomplishments include matching children with mentors through the Take Stock in Children and Bookmark Buddies programs, providing classroom supplies to needy students and eligible teachers at no cost through a teacher free store, as well as providing classroom project grants and hosting special appreciation events for Osceola County educators and students. Visit our Web site at www.foundationosceola.org for more information about A Gift for Teaching of Osceola County or the Education Foundation~Osceola County.

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