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[high-resolution images of from the 2010 Back to School Drive available by request or on Flickr at <http://bit.ly/pnhLEM>]



FACETS Seeks Donations Of School Supplies For More Than 300 Children In Need

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 18, 2011 – Fairfax, Virginia – Local non-profit FACETS is collecting school supplies and backpacks for more than 300 children of various ages who are in need in Fairfax County. A list of items that are needed can be found at www.FacetsCares.org. Supplies can be dropped off at FACETS' office at 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, now through August 12, 2011, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Every summer, FACETS holds its annual Back to School Drive, to provide the children in its programs the essential gear for learning: backpacks and school supplies. The families FACETS serves struggle to meet their basic needs. Our Back to School Drive enables these families to use their scarce resources for rent, food, and other necessities, rather than school supplies, and encourages the academic goals and achievements of their children.

To participate in FACETS' 2011 Back to School Drive:

- Download the list of needed school supplies from the FACETS website and purchase or collect as many items as you can. Supplies can be dropped off at FACETS at 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030, now through August 12th, 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Individuals or organizations may choose instead to make a tax-deductible donation to FACETS. A financial donation can be made online (indicate "Back to School Drive" in the Special Instructions field) from the FACETS website or by sending a check (note "Back to School Drive" on the memo line) to FACETS at 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030.
- To organize a collection at your workplace, in your faith community, or with another organization, please contact Stacy Boden at 703-352-3268 or sboden@FacetsCares.org.

FACETS opens doors by helping parents, their children, and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty – so often unnoticed – in Fairfax County. We meet their emergency shelter, food, and medical needs, help them gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and work with them to end the cycle of poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs. For more information about FACETS, please visit www.FacetsCares.org or call 703-352-5090.

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