DOUGLAS COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
LEADS ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
Community partners “Lend a Hand” to students and families in need

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DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – Just as schools have let out for summer break, the Douglas County Educational Foundation (DCEF) and several area community organizations have mobilized “Lend A Hand: Back 2 School Supply Drive for Douglas County Children” in preparation for the upcoming school year. This year’s drive will mark the seventh year DCEF has coordinated the campaign.

“For many families, thoughts are on vacations and all the fun that comes with summer. However, there are some families who are focused on getting by week-to-week,” said Jason Christensen, Executive Director of DCEF. “The needs aren’t always visible, but they exist.”

According to DCEF Drive Coordinator Carol Stulz, last year’s effort raised more than $52,000 and provided 700 students with supplies ranging from notebooks to calculators. “Demand continues to rise and we want to be prepared to outfit 1,000 students directly and give teachers additional supplies for their classrooms,” said Stulz.

Those joining the drive include Catholic Charities of Central Colorado; the Chambers of Commerce of Castle Pines, Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch and Parker; Cherry Hills Community Church; Children’s Hospital South Campus; Douglas County Libraries; Douglas/Elbert Task Force; Fresh Harvest Food Bank; the Meadows Neighborhood Company; Wacky Bike Ride sponsored by Wargin Events and Waste Management.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with DCEF and others for the Drive,” said Jen Zander, Director of Fresh Harvest Food Bank. “We’re seeing the incredible need in this community on a daily basis. These initiatives ease the burden of ‘back to school’ shopping for many families and students in the District.”

Donations are being collected at the following locations: ANB Bank; Castle Rock Rec Center; Catholic Charities of Central Colorado; Chambers of Commerce for Castle Pines, Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch and Parker; Children’s Hospital South Campus; Douglas County School District Administration Building; Douglas/Elbert Task Force; Fresh Harvest Food Bank; Phillip S. Miller Park; White Construction and Word of Life Church in Littleton. Beginning July 7, Douglas County Libraries will also collect donations.

To donate, volunteer or submit a request for supplies, please visit www.dcefcolorado.org.
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Back 2 School Supply Drive
FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY CHILDREN

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