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School Supplies for Students Needs Your Help

FORT PIERCE, FL – Only a few weeks into its collection, School Supplies for Students, a project of United Way of St. Lucie County, is already hard at work organizing supplies, coordinating school requests, and gearing up for its annual “Stuff the Bus” supply drive.

Since its inception in 1997, School Supplies for Students has provided children in need with the basic tools necessary to be successful in school. Educators overwhelmingly agree that students with the appropriate supplies at the start of school are more prepared for class, eager to work, and, in general have a better attitude toward school. For older students, it can be a reason to stay in school.

Participants in School Supplies for Students are those children eligible for free lunch who are recommended by their school. This wonderfully successful program has created over 35,000 packets of school supplies for underserved school children.

This year, resources are in short supply, and the need is great.

There are many ways to participate in this community-wide effort. You can:

- Collect general school supplies
- Fill supplies request for individual children
- Adopt-A-School or Adopt-A-Grade
- Make a financial contribution
- Volunteer at a “Stuff-the-Bus” location Friday, July 23rd and Saturday, July 24th
- Sort and pack supplies at White City Elementary School between 9AM – 3PM on Sat. July 31st, Wednesday, Aug. 4th, and Sat. Aug. 7th

For more information on how you can volunteer or donate to School Supplies for Students in St. Lucie County, please call 772-464-5300 or visit our website at www.unitedwayslc.org. If you would like to contribute in Martin County, please call 772-220-4472.

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