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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE BEGINS COLLECTING DONATIONS

Families trying to make ends meet can benefit from donations of much needed items.

HOUSTON . . . How may a business association, book club, church group, or service organization earn an A+ this summer? Join in by helping less fortunate children receive much needed school supplies for the coming year. **West Houston Assistance Ministries, Inc. (WHAM) announces it has begun collecting for its annual Back-To-School Supplies Drive, starting now through Saturday, August 1st. Donations may be delivered to Second Blessing Store, 3100 Rodgerdale, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.**

Over 740 children from Houston and Alief ISD schools benefited from the WHAM school supplies drive last year. Sonya Scott, Manager of CARE Ministries for WHAM, says all donations are needed, while three are at the top of the list. “We are grateful for the generosity of Houstonians who support this program for children in need,” says Scott. Our most sought after donations this summer are funds, so we may purchase age-appropriate supply packets, loose leaf paper that is wide or college ruled, and new or gently-used, single-color polo shirts and khaki slacks and for school uniform dress codes.”

Other items that are needed include: composition books, construction paper, boxed crayons, erasers, glue, graph paper, highlighters, pencils, pens, protractors, spiral notebooks, rulers, safety scissors, washable markers, supply boxes, pocket folders, and new backpacks.

The WHAM Back-To-School Supplies drive has been able to support over 5,300 students since 2002. The cost to WHAM has amounted to well over \$65,000. Each year WHAM directs its CARE Ministry to provide for families, children, and homeless individuals in crisis. As associated costs rise, the CARE Ministry may be forced to turn away some children’s requests because of WHAM’s limited funding. Monetary donations are much needed this summer.

“WHAM aid touches one out of every ten residents in our West Houston region,” says Scott. “As a first responder for families who are suffering a crisis, WHAM is able to help them stretch their budgets with essentials, such a school supplies, so young minds can concentrate on their educational goals.”

WHAM is a 501(c)3 non-profit agency that offers assistance to those in need, regardless of race, gender, creed, nationality, age, disability, or religious preference.

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