



2010 Backpack & School Supplies Drive

June 2010 - The **Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i** is again partnering with **Catholic Charities Hawai'i** to collect backpacks and school supplies for disadvantaged children.

As we enjoy the sunny days of summer, some families agonize over preparation for their children's return to school. The cost of school supplies can be a major barrier to the financial well-being of a young family. The children in these families face many challenges in school. Bearing the shame of not having the proper supplies should not be one of them. Please help us give these children a good start in the 2010-2011 school year by sending them back to school with the backpacks and supplies they need to succeed.

Supplies will be collected for **226 disadvantaged children** in the following programs:

- **Comprehensive Counseling & Support Services** - provides counseling, crisis intervention, and other services to families with a history of child abuse and neglect
- **Enhanced Healthy Start** – provides home visiting and support services through a team approach that works with biological families as well as foster parents to promote and enhance healthy child development, increase healthy family functioning, and decrease the risk factors for child abuse and neglect
- **Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children** – monitors and ensures safe and stable placement of children in foster or relative care across state lines
- **Housing Placement Program** – provides one-time emergency financial assistance for families at risk of homelessness
- **Case Management** – provides advocacy, case management, counseling, and assessment of needs for low-income families

This year we will also collect supplies for 50 underserved children in the **Learning for a Lifetime** program at Palama Settlement. Learning for a Lifetime provides homework help and other educational activities for children who have nowhere else to go after school.

Here are some donation suggestions:

- Backpacks for grades K-12
- Thick and thin colored markers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons (24/box)
- #2 pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil boxes
- Scissors
- Composition books (wide- and college-ruled)
- Rulers
- Glue and glue sticks

- 1" and 1-1/2" three-ring binders
- Folder paper (wide- and college-ruled)
- Folders (portfolios with pockets)
- Black, blue, and red ballpoint pens
- Sharpie pens (black – fine and extra-fine point)
- Highlighters
- Compasses
- Protractors
- Facial tissues
- Paper towels
- Hand soap and sanitizer

Learning for a Lifetime also provides small rewards to kids in their program who have done well, treated others nicely, made good choices, or showed improvement in any way. They would appreciate donations of:

- Snacks
- Juice boxes
- Simple toys like bubbles, jacks, and stickers
- Mechanical pencils
- Coloring books

Cash donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to Catholic Charities Hawai'i, or contributions can be made on the CCH website, www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org (please include a note that the donation is for the School Supplies Drive).

Please e-mail Leigh-Ann Miyasato at leighann@efhawaii.org or call her at (808) 546-2288 if you'd like to participate in the Backpack & School Supplies Drive. We need all donations by **Friday, July 16** in order to be able to assemble the supplies for the children before the school year begins.

Mahalo for any support you can provide.

About Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) provides services to tens of thousands of people each year through more than 30 programs statewide. Serving Hawai'i since 1947, the organization offers help to people of all faiths and cultures, especially those with the greatest need. CCH has long been trusted in the community for its innovative and professional approach to human services. Its areas of focus include child abuse and neglect, homelessness, children's emotional and behavioral problems, unplanned pregnancy, adult violence and abuse, difficulties encountered by immigrants and refugees, difficulties adjusting to life's challenges, and sustaining independent living for seniors and persons with developmental disabilities.

For more information about CCH, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org or call (808) 521-HELP (4357).

About Learning for a Lifetime

At its classroom space at Palama Settlement, Learning for a Lifetime provides these free educational programs to underserved children and their families:

- Language Arts for At Risk Youth
- Afterschool Homework Help
- Girls Power of Writing

- Spoken Word/Slam Poetry Classes
- The Art of Story for Senior Citizens

For more information, please visit www.learningforalifetimefoundation.org.

About EF Hawai'i

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- Community service: EF Hawai'i helps companies establish a community service program for their employees.
- Philanthropy: EF Hawai'i accepts donations of company equity. When there is a liquidity event, EF Hawai'i helps establish a charitable fund for the company.

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