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Child Support Services to donate 100 back to school ready backpacks, complete with supplies, to benefit Foster and Homeless Youth Services

SOLANO COUNTY – On August 15, 2022, the Solano County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), in recognition of Child Support Awareness Month, will donate 100 back to school ready backpacks, complete with supplies, to the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) Foster and Homeless Youth Services program. The backpacks are intended to help support children and their families in kindergarten through fifth grade as they return to school this fall.

"We know that back to school is a big deal for students and their families," says Liane Peck, Director of Solano County Child Support Services. "Our goal in donating these backpacks is to help children start off the school year with all the essentials they may need – which can do wonders for the learning process."

The backpacks will come with several essential school supplies, including crayons, rulers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, scissors and glue sticks. A gift card from Wal-Mart will also be included so children and their families can purchase anything else they may need.

"We are so appreciative of this donation," says Akon Walker, Program Coordinator, Educational Liaison of Solano County Office of Education, Foster and Homeless Youth Services. "Partnerships like these bring our community together to support the academic success and wellbeing of our Solano students and families."

SCOE Foster and Homeless Youth Services will work with school districts and partner agencies to directly distribute the backpacks and school supplies to children in foster care, and to children who are experiencing homelessness.

ADDITIONAL HOURS OF OPERATION IN AUGUST

In addition to the donation of backpacks, the Solano County DCSS, in celebration of Child Support Awareness Month, is extending its office hours during the month of August, giving clients and their families additional access to the programs and services they need. Clients will have additional access to DCSS staff on the following dates and times, including:

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- (1) Wednesday, August 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- (2) Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- (3) Wednesday, August 17, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- (4) Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ACCESSING SERVICES / QUESTIONS

Visit the Solano County DCSS website at <u>https://www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/DCSS</u> for more information and for clients to link directly to DCSS support professionals. Direct any questions to <u>ChildSupport@SolanoCounty.com</u>, text (707) 241-4201 and by phone at (866) 901-3212.