

Chamber Members Invited to Assist Irvine Kids

Families struggle to provide basic school supplies

Increasing numbers of Irvine families are unable to provide their children with basic school supplies. Irvine Chamber member companies are invited to help local families and their children during this difficult time.

The Irvine Chamber of Commerce, through its Education Committee, is assisting two local nonprofits -- Families Forward and the National Charity League -- as they distribute backpacks with new school supplies and distribute them to local low-income elementary, middle and high school students.

Companies and individual members can help by donating supplies (in any quantity), cash or gift certificates to stores like Target, Payless Shoes and Old Navy for school uniforms, athletic gear, shoes and clothing. If you prefer, you can help by donating online to www.families-forward.org.

Please send or deliver donations to Families Forward by Friday, July 24, 2009 (9221 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, 92618. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 - 5 and Friday 9 - 1. If you need assistance with pick up or delivery, please call Jenny Contant at 949-735-2603.

Please identify your company as an Irvine Chamber member, to help us measure the effectiveness of our outreach, or email lbenjamin@irvinechamber.com to let the Chamber know that you are supporting this program.

Supplies Needed

- Scientific Calculators & compasses
- Scissors & rulers
- Colored pencils & crayons
- Washable markers & highlighters
- Zippered pencil cases
- Backpacks
- Binders & dividers
- Notebook & notebook paper
- Glue & erasers
- #2 Pencils & pencil boxes
- Folders & index cards
- Compasses
- Staples & staplers
- Pens & red pens