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Help a child succeed at school: Announcing the 3rd annual “Stuff the Bus” event in Cameron (June 9, 2008)

(Cameron, MO.) You can help a local low-income child be ready for school this fall by bringing a backpack full of school supplies to the Big Yellow Bus, parked at Great American Homes in Cameron, (36 Hwy) Tuesday, July 22nd from 3 to 7:00 p.m.

The event, hosted by Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph, is one way local children can be ready for school and ready to learn. Families who pre-register and are income-eligible will receive school supplies and a backpack, a value that can total \$30.

“Join Community Action Partnership and KKWK radio and Great American Homes in gathering school supplies to make sure our local children will be prepared for the coming up school year,” says Julie Greer, Community Outreach Specialist for Community Action Partnership.

Each student in Clinton and DeKalb counties will have the opportunity to attend one of the “Back to School Fairs” given by Community Action Partnership. The Fairs feature booths and information that is available to everyone, but local students who pre-register and are qualified based on income levels will receive free school supplies at the Fair.

“We are asking people from our counties to get involved in helping local children be ready for school by donating these school supplies,” says Greer. “It sounds like a simple gift, but being the child that doesn’t have the supplies the teacher asks for can really make a difference on success at school.”

For more information about Stuff the Bus on July 22nd, contact Julie Greer, Community Action Partnership Cameron Regional office, at (816) 632-7345 or by email at jgreer@endpov.com.

Families must preregister for upcoming Back to School Fairs and be income-eligible to receive school supplies.

Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph is one of 19 Community Action Agencies in Missouri and one of 900 Community Action Agencies in the U.S. working to fight poverty at the local level. Services offered by Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph to low-income individuals in Buchanan, Clinton, Andrew and DeKalb counties include Head Start, offering comprehensive educational, nutritional and emotional support for children ages birth to five; housing and rent assistance; energy crisis and utility assistance; leadership and life skills training; assistance with college entrance; and employment and workforce training programs through the Missouri Career Center.