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Back 2 School America to Partner with University of Illinois to Assemble Hundreds of Free School Supply Kits for Underserved Central Illinois Students

CHAMPAIGN, IL -- Back 2 School America (B2SA) a Chicago-based national nonprofit that provides tens of thousands of underserved kids with free school supplies to help them succeed in the classroom, will partner with the University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics on Saturday, August 6th to assemble 1,000 free school supply kits to benefit underserved Central Illinois students.

The event will be held at Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club (DMBGC) and is part of B2SA's Build-A-Kit program, in which community groups or companies can purchase bulk school supplies from the non-profit and then build school supply kits, assembly line-style and also write notes of inspiration to encourage recipients to achieve academically.

Upon completion, the kits are picked up and delivered to organizations that serve children from low-income families, in an effort to meet the educational needs of those students and help improve their self-esteem.

WHEN: Saturday, August 6th from 8am– 4pmCT
-8am-12pmCT 1,000 school supply kits assembled
-12pm-4pmCT Kits picked up, on-site, by Central IL organizations

WHERE: Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club (DMBGC)
201 E. Park Street | Champaign, IL 61820

WHAT: Volunteers will assemble 1,000 school supply kits and write “Notes of Inspiration” (which are included in the kits) to benefit Central Illinois students from low-income families. The completed Back 2 School kits will be given to the following organizations, on-site, at the event: Vermillion County Regional Office of Education, Mahomet Area Youth Club, Stephens Family YMCA, and the Don Moyers Boys & Girls Club.

Event sponsorship provided by CA Ventures and Busey Bank, Gift of Hope & the National Safety Council.

BACKGROUND:

Back 2 School America (B2SA) providing tens of thousands of children from low-income families each year with its signature kits, filled with the essential tools and resources students need for success in the classroom while lessening the financial burden felt by their families.

Back 2 School America partners with schools, government agencies and community organizations, such as the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club, to facilitate distribution of the Back 2 School kits and ensure that children from financially struggling households receive school supplies.

About Back 2 School America (B2SA)

The Back 2 School program was launched in 2007 to address the pressing needs of communities and the inequities in educational opportunities for children. In 2015 the nonprofit changed its' name to Back 2 School Illinois (B2SI) to reflect the work of the organization. In the summer of 2018, B2SI expanded and launched Back 2 School America, to provide Back 2 School kits to children across the USA.

Today, Back 2 School America (B2SA) continues to provide children of low-income households with free school supplies to help level the playing field and lessen the financial burden on their families and teachers.

Since its inception, the Back 2 School program has provided more than 300,000 children with their own school supply kits. The organization's long-term goal is to make sure that all children in the USA are provided with the school supplies they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

For more information and for details about upcoming events, please visit www.b2sa.org

About Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club

For more than 50 years, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, we serve over 1,500 young people through Club membership and community outreach in Champaign-County. We are currently operating two sites, both in Champaign & Rantoul. Our Club provides a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Club programs promote academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. Follow us on our Facebook page for current updates and information.

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