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Registration Opens for STEP's Back to School Program School Supply Donations Needed

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St. Louis Park, MN—St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP) will be registering for their Back to School Program from Monday, July 11th, 2011 to Friday, August 12th, 2011. Registration is open to children living in St. Louis Park and entering grades K—12, no matter what school they will be attending. St. Louis Park households can register during their food appointments or during walk-in times:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 1pm to 2pm

Tuesdays: 6pm to 7pm

To register, households must bring a picture ID, current utility bill, as well as identification for each child to show date of birth. If there are questions for registration, please call STEP at 952-925-4899.

Donations of school supplies and funds are also needed to help serve the nearly 600 St. Louis Park students who are estimated to use STEP's Back to School Program. STEP packs a bag for each registered St. Louis Park child based on the supply list for their school and grade. In 2010, STEP provided school supplies to 563 St. Louis Park students attending over 40 different schools. STEP asks for very specific donations of items based on what the schools are requesting. A contribution of \$40 will sponsor one student with grade appropriate school supplies, including a backpack. Critically needed school supplies are:

- 3-ring zippered binders
- Composition notebooks
- Glue sticks
- 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- 8 count Crayola WASHABLE markers
- Zippered pencil pouches
- Adult size scissors
- Large backpacks for Jr. and Sr. High students

Backpacks are distributed during registration and should be donated to STEP during the month of July. All other school supply donations should be donated to STEP by August 12th. Donations can be dropped off at STEP at 6812 W. Lake St. in St. Louis Park during our regular office hours: MWTh: 8am to 4pm; Tues: Noon to 8pm; Fri: 8am to Noon. For more information, please call STEP at 952-925-4899 or visit www.STEPslp.org.

St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP) has served the St. Louis Park community by empowering lives and restoring hope to those in need since 1975. STEP provides 2,500 people each month with basic needs including food, clothing and transportation in addition to its many seasonal initiatives throughout the year. STEP is a 501c3 private nonprofit organization and a member of the Charities Review Council.

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