

# **Back-to-School Campaign “Supplies for Success” project**

**Foster Care Association of Oklahoma is preparing foster children for a new school year.**

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that the Foster Care Association of Oklahoma is announcing our project for 2009.

We are ready to launch: **Supplies for Success!**

Our goal this year is to assist in providing basic school supplies to every child in Oklahoma who is in an out of home placement. We hope to have you drop your supplies off at a location in your community and have them distributed to kids in your area. These details are still being arranged. Please begin collecting supplies and we will get word out soon about the collection and distribution process.

This will be a challenge! We will need lots of help. We are requesting backpacks and supplies for children ages 5-18. The Foster Care Association of Oklahoma will also be accepting monetary donations enabling us to purchase supplies not contributed. Can we count on you?

Last year, we placed a pair of shoes on the State Capitol steps to represent each child in care. Our purpose was to make Oklahoma lawmakers and the public aware of the seriousness facing our state regarding children in foster care. We believe we made an impact by bringing these children to life by showing their shoes.

Now, it is time for us to assist them in making a better life. What better way to encourage and promote children to invest energy into a better future than to equip them with the tools they need to succeed? We all know education is the key to a better future.

Will you please help us? Following is a list of the supplies we are trying to secure:

- Backpacks
- Book Bags
- Pencils (#2)
- Pens
- Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pencil Cases
- Rulers
- Lined Paper (both wide and thin lined)
- Notebooks (single and multi subject)
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Markers

Glue  
Glue Sticks  
Facial Tissue  
Erasers  
Gift Cards

For more information on making an in-kind or cash donation, contact Lana Freeman, President, at (405) 387-5052 [lanaf@pldi.net](mailto:lanaf@pldi.net) or you may contact Sandy Brown, Treasurer-Conference Chair (405) 942-5570 [browns@safy.org](mailto:browns@safy.org).

*Foster Care Association of Oklahoma is registered as a 501(c) 3, and all cash contributions are tax deductible.*

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**Foster Care Association of Oklahoma**

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