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FEED THE CHILDREN AND NAEHCY GIVE BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES TO STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT

Partners to Nourish Minds and Bodies of U.S. Children in Need

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (April 8, 2011) – Feed The Children will deliver a shipment of backpacks and supplies to Connecticut homeless student liaisons **April 14**. The delivery to New Haven Home Recovery's (NHHR) The Furniture Co-op at 30 Morris Ave in New Haven will be made at 9 a.m. **The backpacks will be distributed to Connecticut students experiencing homelessness at a later date.**

The distribution includes 1,920 backpacks filled with:

- school supplies
- non-perishable food
- essentials (items such as toothpaste, deodorant and combs)
- children's books

H.E.L.P., Homeless Education and Literacy Program, an outreach program of Feed The Children, has partnered with the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) to distribute backpacks to children in need.

Through a partnership with SchoolKidz, a proud business unit of Staples® Inc., Feed The Children distributed 120,000 backpacks across the nation during the 2009-2010 school year and plans to distribute 150,000 for the 2010-2011 school year.

"Our backpack distribution program, in conjunction with our other education and nutrition programs, allows us to nourish both the minds and bodies of impoverished children," says Tony Sellars, spokesperson from Feed The Children. "NAEHCY has shown its dedication to this mission by caring for the physical, emotional and educational needs of Connecticut's smallest citizens."

NHHR has been selected as the distributor of the backpacks for three years. The Furniture Co-op provides gently used furniture and house wares to families in need.

To learn more about our backpack program and breaking the cycle of poverty through Feed The Children's focus to F.E.E.D. (Food, Education, Essentials and Disaster Relief), please visit www.FeedTheChildren.org/Education.

About Feed The Children

Founded in 1979, Feed The Children is consistently ranked as one of the 10 largest international charities in the U.S., based on private, non-government support. Feed The Children is a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters. In FY 2009, Feed The Children distributed more than 111 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally. For more information, please visit www.feedthechildren.org.

New Haven Home Recovery (NHHR) Inc. was established in 1990 to provide emergency shelter for families, and is working in the New Haven area to address the housing and support service needs of women with children. NHHR provides services to families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. NHHR has developed its programs to include emergency shelter, supportive housing, children's programs and The Furniture Co-op. For more information, visit the Web site at www.nhhr.org.

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