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PACK2SCHOOL 2008

Pack2School sets a record! 822 students receive new supplies!

ELTC's annual Pack2School program, which provides school supplies to low-income and disadvantaged children of Larimer County, was a huge success. For a nominal charge of \$5 each, 822 children received backpacks, school supplies, clothing and hygiene products needed to start school this fall. It was the 38th consecutive year that ELTC has provided this service to our community.

Demographic Stats

Residence

Fort Collins	83%
Loveland	4%
Wellington	6%
Other	7%

Grade Levels

K-2	35%
Grades 3-5	28%
Grades 6-9	37%

Individual Volunteers	102
Volunteers Hours	263

Ethnicity

Hispanic	49%
Anglo-White	29%
African-American	3%
Native-American	3%
Asian	1%
Other	15%

Total Funds Raised:	\$36,262
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Volunteers

Pack2School would not be possible without this year's amazing volunteers:

- National Charity League
- Poudre Golden K Kiwanis
- Panty Parlour Ladies
- Rotary Clubs of Fort Collins
- Starbucks Coffee Company
- And of course all of the many individual volunteers from the community!

Donors

ELTC would like to thank the many who generously donated to Pack2School, with special gratitude to the following donors:

- Odell Brewing Company
- Serimus Foundation
- Kiwanis Poudre Golden K
- Austin Koshak Hach Fund
- Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast / District 5440
- Overland Sertoma
- Dohn Construction
- Bank of Choice
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Credit Union of Colorado
- Wal-Mart Distribution Center
- Columbine Healthcare Systems

Pack2School Engages Community on New Level

The air was electric at this year's Pack2School event as children and their families lined up to receive brand new school supplies. As they waited, children had the opportunity to explore a fire truck provided by Poudre Fire Authority, while parents received free smoke detectors for their homes! Inside there were stacks of school supplies, free books for children to choose from, face painting, crafts, and so much more! But we all know that Pack2School is more than just three days of fun activities. It is about lending a hand to low-income and disadvantaged Larimer County families, and ensuring that as many kids as possible are able to start the new school year with the supplies they need to

succeed in school! This is why local community support agencies such as the Fort Collins Library District, BASE Camp, the Women's Center, and the Larimer County Food Bank were present to talk about their services with families. One sixth grader phrased it "It's nice to know there are people who care about helping others."

Children excitedly "shopped" for their school supplies while parents looked on with relief, some with tears of thanks in their eyes. "This is a very positive experience," one mother said. "You are treated so great here. I am just so grateful." ELTC appreciates everyone who made this event possible. 822 kids is a new record for Pack2School and with so many committed volunteers and philanthropists in the community we can't wait to see what we can achieve next year!

Volunteer Spotlight

National Charity League (NCL) is a national organization of mothers and daughters who volunteer for charities. Pam Johannsen and daughter Claire, along with Pam Raab and Mary Parker, played lead roles in the NCL involvement in Pack2School. 2008 was Johannsen's second year volunteering at Pack2School after ELTC's director, Tracy Mead contacted NCL in 2007 seeking volunteers.

This year NCL led the event, accepting complete oversight and execution of the organization of the school supplies, as well as collecting donated children's books. The group prepared snacks for the participants, manned the registration desk and made the event extra special by organizing face painting and craft activities.

Our goal was to make this community service event, completely community driven in 2008 and ELTC

succeeded in doing just that by partnering with NCL.

Thanks Gals! We appreciate you.

