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Unitus Community Credit Union Provides Over 400 Backpacks to Students in Need

PORTLAND, Ore. (Sep. 25, 2008) –Unitus Community Credit Union employees recently volunteered an afternoon of their time to stuff 430 backpacks full of crayons, notebooks, pencils and other school supplies for the students at Vestal School as part of the Schoolhouse Supplies *Tools for Schools* program. The program partners local companies with schools that have a high percentage of student eligibility for the federally-funded free and reduced lunch program and provides each child with a backpack full of school supplies.

On the first day of school, Unitus employees returned to Vestal and distributed the backpacks to the students. "It's so great to see how excited they are to receive the backpacks and start using their new supplies. It's just as much fun for the Unitus employees to see the kids enjoy the backpacks, as it is for the students that are receiving them," remarked Ryan Jones, a Unitus employee.

With more families struggling this year to provide basic supplies, this program allows each child at the school to have what they need to succeed, "What a gift for our students to be able to start the year with the supplies they need for learning. It really does level the playing field when students start the year with the same essential tools for school," said Elsa Guiney, school counselor at Vestal.

Unitus Community Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution serving people living or working in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Clark County. Additional information about Unitus is available at www.unitusccu.com or by calling (800) 452-0900.

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