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H.U.G.S.S. & Coats for Kids Needs Supplies & Volunteers

H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) and Coats for Kids
Hosts Citywide Distribution Event August 9th & 10th

Jayson McGuire shows off his new back pack filled with school supplies received through the HUGSS & Coats for Kids project. Photo Courtesy: The Salvation Army

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Anchorage: Organizers of the H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) and Coats for Kids project are gearing up to serve 5,700 kids from low-income families at the 7th Annual distribution event to be held August 9 & 10, 2007 at the Mt. View Boys & Girls Club. The program began in 2001 and has served a total of 25,590 kids.

H.U.G.S.S. and Coats for Kids is a collaborative community partnership to help prepare Anchorage kids for a successful school year. The goal is not only to provide basic supplies but to foster an excitement for life long learning.

Anchorage-area residents are needed to host collection drives during July and to help with sorting, packing and distribution of supplies during the week of August 6th. Please call the HUGSS Hotline to sign up for a volunteer shift (64-HUGSS / 644-8477). Supplies can be dropped off at Catholic Social Services (3710 East 20th Avenue), The Salvation Army (143 E. 9th Avenue) or Lutheran Social Services (2606 C Street). Coats can be dropped off at Alaska Cleaners, 1-Hour Fireweed Cleaners, Mayfield Cleaners and Peacock Cleaners.

Distribution of school supplies and coats will take place at Mt. View Community Center and Boys & Girls Club, 315 North Price St. Distribution will be based on ZIP codes. Schedules

are available by calling the H.U.G.S.S. hotline, 64-HUGSS (644-8477), and will be available at school registration sites.

Partners: Anchorage School District, Catholic Social Services, Lutheran Social Services, Mt. View Boys & Girls Club and The Salvation Army.

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