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**Tools for Education to provide backpacks, school supplies to children**

**LINCOLN, Neb. (July 22, 2011)** – Children from low-income families will get a good start to the new school year after picking up a new backpack and other items at the Center for People in Need.

Tools for Education provides a backpack and school supplies for school age children entering kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The event will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 30, and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at the Center for People in Need.

“Seeing children’s smiles as they receive their backpacks is heartwarming,” said Executive Director Beatty Brasch. “Receiving a new backpack helps give children from low-income families the feeling that they are like the other kids at school whose parents are able to take them shopping for school supplies.”

Clients must bring their Center for People in Need card or fill out a short application to get a card at the event. Bring a photo ID, a piece of mail showing your current address and proof of household residents. Household income must be 150 percent or less of the federal poverty level.

Volunteers are needed for Tools for Education. Volunteers can sign up to help at this event at <http://centerforpeopleinneed.org/get-involved/volunteer/>.

*The Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Unit 1, provides comprehensive services and opportunities to support low-income, high needs families and individuals as they strive to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve economic self-sufficiency. More information on the Center's programs is available at [centerforpeopleinneed.org](http://centerforpeopleinneed.org).*

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