

# SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

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Promises2Kids is organizing its ninth annual Backpack and Flash Drive collection for San Diego County abused and neglected children and youth in foster care. Local businesses, churches and community groups will host collection points throughout the community from Aug. 2-23.

The donations of backpacks and flash drives are essential in providing each child with a system to keep all of their schoolwork and computer assignments organized. Promises2Kids hopes to collect 5,000 backpacks and flash drives, as well as other much-needed school supplies during the community campaign.

On average, a foster child will live in at least seven different homes before they turn 18 years old, and these donated items will be key in helping them stay on top of their work throughout the 2010-2011 school year.

"The school classroom is often the most stable environment for children in our care," says Hon. Susan Golding, president and chief executive officer, Promises2Kids. "The flash drives we collect help keep their schoolwork intact and they can take it with them wherever they end up."

The Backpack and Flash Drive for Kids drive culminates with a "live" drive on Monday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Walmart in Kearny Mesa, located at 4840 Shawline Street, San Diego. Promises2Kids volunteers will staff large collection bins at the store location for donations from the public.

The public and local businesses are encouraged to host mini-collection drives in their

neighborhood, school, church or workplace and then bring them to the live collection drive as well. If a collection site is unable to bring the items to the August 23 event, then Promises2Kids will arrange for pick-up by Boyer Moving and Storage, a long-time partner to Promises2Kids.

For a wish list of items or a location in your community where you can make a donation, visit the Promises2Kids website. To host a collection site or to volunteer, contact Laurie Spears at Promises2Kids at 858-427-1112. **Source Code:** 20100722tgc

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