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2nd Annual Back to School Fair for Foster Children was awesome for all!

(August 7, 2015 - Naples, Florida) – The Friends of Foster Children Forever (FFCF) held their 2nd Annual Back to School Fair for a select group of foster children in Collier County on Saturday, August 1st at the Golden Gate Community Center.

The event organized by FFCF, was a collaborative effort of several organizations including: Angels Undercover who distributed school uniforms, Collier County Bar Association which gave each child a backpack filled with school supplies, the “Wise Old Owl” of FFCF helped children sign up for after school activities and tutoring, Laces for Love provided each child with a new pair of shoes, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile provided free dental exams, Runway International was onsite giving back-to-school haircuts, Scholastic offered books to every participant, Tempurpedic donated single sized mattresses for each foster child, and vision tests were given inside the Vision Quest mobile vision van which provided testing and glasses funded by NCEF. William C. Huff Companies donated staff to transport mattresses to the event and helped foster parents with loading. Everyone pulled together making the day a great success.

Over 260 children were pre-registered for the Fair. Along with their caregivers and/or foster parents, siblings, volunteers and sponsors, over 500 people were in attendance.

Arthrex sponsored the event by providing food, entertainment and volunteers. They also underwrote the school uniforms distributed by Angels Undercover. All children, guests and volunteers, were encouraged to participate in the picnic, games, drawing, glitter tattooing, haircuts, snow cones, bounce houses and popcorn eating!

“It was a magical day,” said Jane Billings, Executive Director of Friends of Foster Children Forever. “We signed up 50 new foster children for our tutoring program -- that was amazing to say the least. We feel very fortunate to have so many agencies working alongside FFCF and appreciate all our sponsors like Arthrex who do so much for the community.”

The mission of Friends of Foster Children Forever (FFCF) is to focus on the children they serve by providing targeted educational and enrichment opportunities that allow each child to fulfill their potential. FFCF, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, works to fulfill the unmet needs of every child who enters, or is at risk of entering the foster care system in Southwest Florida.

FFCF will follow the child wherever they are placed. For more information about Friends of Foster Children of Forever (FFCF) or how to help, visit www.friendsoffosterchildren.net or call (239) 262-1808.