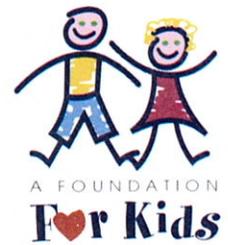
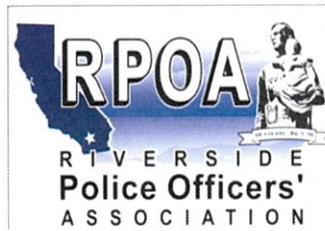


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Youth Backpack Program to Begin

Riverside, CA — During the past four years, the *Riverside Police Officer's Association* (RPOA) has been providing backpacks containing school supplies to approximately 1,000 students in the City of Riverside. This year, the RPOA has partnered with two local non-profit agencies, the *Riverside Police Foundation* and *A Foundation for Kids*, to expand the backpack program to 4,500 students.

“We are pleased to participate in providing our local students with the items they need for school. These are tough economic times for many families and our police officers want to help”, stated RPOA President Brian Smith. Students receiving these backpacks have been identified by their respective schools and will get them beginning the week of July 23, 2012. Over fifty volunteers, largely from the Riverside YMCA and RPOA, meeting at the *A Foundation for Kids* warehouse (2970 Myers St.) on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will pack the bags in preparation for next week.

According to Smith, “The new partnership with the *Riverside Police Foundation*, *A Foundation for Kids*, and the Riverside YMCA has really elevated our ability to take this worthwhile event to the next level”.

The schedule for distribution of these backpacks will occur between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at these locations each day:

July 23
Patterson Park; 1846 Linden St.

July 26
Bryant Park; 7950 Philbin Ave.

July 24
Central Middle School, 4795 Magnolia Ave.

July 25
Don Lorenzi Park; 4250 Jackson St.

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