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BACK TO SCHOOL OLYMPICS COLLECTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Transitional Living Center Is Hosting Back To School Olympics To Collect School Supplies And Celebrate The Start Of School For Children In Need: Friday, August 23, 4pm-6pm

SPOKANE, WASH – Transitional Living Center is hosting Back to School Olympics to collect school supplies for children currently residing in their housing program on Friday, August 23, from 4pm-6pm. Entry is free and donations of school supplies are welcome.

This event will provide an opportunity for children, who normally would attend their first day of school lacking school supplies, an opportunity to “go shopping” for back to school essentials. The children of TLC will participate in educational Olympic-style games where they can win school supplies for successfully completing the challenges. Other activities occurring throughout the evening includes live music, food, tours of the facilities, and a special guest....AquaDuck!

One child, after receiving school supplies last year, responded that she “was excited to go back to school because she had everything she needed” and would not feel embarrassed to appear to be poor. She is not alone in these feelings as they ring true for children everywhere in similar situations. This event works to dissipate such feelings and to encourage excitement in going back to school.

| Local businesses are also participating in the fun with the Spokane Teachers Credit Union donating school supplies and Mobius Children’s Museum donating family passes for the school year.

Last year, TLC served thirty-five families. Of those served, twenty-eight families moved to permanent housing, twenty-one moms advanced their education, and four moms obtained employment. Come celebrate the joy of learning and discover the life-changing work being done at the Transitional Living Center and EduCare every day!!

Transitions: Since 1995, Transitions has been helping women, children, and families rebuild lives affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Transitions administers five programs: Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare and New Leaf Bakery Cafe. For more information about how you can work to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, call 509-328-6702, email mtracey@help4women.org, or visit our website at help4women.org.

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