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COMMUNITY RAISES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO BUY UNIFORMS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN MORE THAN 750 INNER CITY CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES THROUGH PHILANTROPY EFFORTS

Students from Lutherwood Academy will show off their new school uniforms at a fashion show that will include a book bag giveaway and a pledge that will focus on five core areas; (1) giving their best efforts in school, (2) being respectful to teachers and staff, (3) listening and actively participating in class discussions, (4) completing homework assignments and (5) supporting and encouraging their peers to do well in school. Through individual efforts Lutheran Child & Family Services raised more than \$13,000 from local churches and individual donors.

LCFS will provide supplies to several hundred families which may include backpacks, uniforms, and school supplies through their partnership with Families Reaching for Rainbows. Craig Andler, Director of Families Reaching for Rainbows said, "Our parents and kids are gratefully that LCFS and its staff have taken the time and energy to help support kids in our community. Our parents would not have had this opportunity without their support."

Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana has been raising funds every year since 1992 to raise money for students to go back to school. "We are pleased that the community has supported our Back to School Campaign, which will benefit so many young people as they prepare to head back to school on Wednesday. I am excited about our children being in uniforms and having the opportunity to be fully prepared for school at the beginning of the school year" says Michael Johnson, Executive Director of Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana.

When: Tuesday, August 14, 2007
1:00 – 2:00 pm

Where: Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana
Lutherwood Campus Gym
1525 N. Ritter Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46219

LCFS: Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS) is a multi-service, nonprofit 501(c)(3) member agency of United Way of Central Indiana and provides services that strengthen vulnerable youth and families. LCFS's services include: Lutherwood Residential Treatment Facility (providing specialized treatment for youth in crisis); Lutherwood Academy (a satellite partnership with IPS); Trinity Group Home (where young men transition to independent living); Mentoring, Parenting Instruction, Family Preservation Initiatives; Adoption & Foster Care Services; and the Sharing Place Food and Clothing Pantry. LCFS serves approximately 30,000 people annually.

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