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Highlights

AN UPDATE FOR LONGVIEW CITIZENS

City employee contributions give huge boost to the "One Pack, One Child" drive

Going back to school is looking a little bit brighter for local students thanks to the generous support of Longview, Kelso, and Cowlitz County employees.

The City of Longview began an internal drive to help fill backpacks for students, led by City Attorney Marilyn Haan. A friendly challenge was extended to the County to also participate in the drive (coordinated by Stephanie Dunn), and the City of Kelso had started their own drive earlier to collect socks, underwear and shoes for their local kids (coordinated by Shelly Timm).

Longview employees filled 95 back packs and donated approximately \$400 in cash and supplies. The City's top departmental donors included 21 backpacks from Longview Police, 19 backpacks from Executive/Legal/Human Resources, and 12 from the Transit Division. Emergency Support Shelter received 21 of Longview's backpacks and \$60 in gift cards for

their kids in the shelter or in transitional housing. R.A. Long High School received five backpacks and \$100 in gift cards. The remaining 69 back packs and \$240 were delivered to local elementary schools. "Whether I dropped off one or 20

shoes on at least 124 kids at Wallace School, and collected 464 pairs of new socks and 372 pairs of new underwear.

"I am constantly amazed at the good-hearted generosity of our employees," stated City Manager Bob Gregory.

"When the challenge went out, our City employees dug deep into their hearts and pocketbooks, and created the opportunity for scores of kids to start the school year with all the required supplies that they normally might not have. I am proud to work with such thoughtful and caring people here at the City of Longview."

"It was also great to see the response from Cowlitz

County and the City of Kelso to participate in the giving to our community. During these difficult economic times, these employees joined us to go above and beyond to make sure that school-aged youth will head out the door the first day of school with all their supplies in tow. What a great community we live in!"



backpacks, everyone has been very appreciative of the donations," stated City Attorney Haan.

The County stepped up to Longview's challenge and also had tremendous support from their employees who collected 82 back packs and lots of miscellaneous supplies. The City of Kelso's drive collected enough cash and merchandise to put