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Tucson Values Teachers and Walgreens Host Fourth Annual School Supply Drive

Local Non-Profit Spearheads Two-Week Campaign from July 30 – August 13

TUCSON, Ariz. (July 20, 2012) – Non-profit Tucson Values Teachers and Walgreens, throughout Southern Arizona, are spearheading the fourth annual “Tucson Supplies Teachers” campaign to stock classrooms and prevent teachers from having out-of-pocket expenses from buying school supplies. Last year “Tucson Supplies Teachers” raised over \$100,000 in school supplies to support Southern Arizona classrooms.

Tucson-based non-profit Community Finance Corporation has once again helped to kick-start the drive with a grant of \$25,000 to purchase supplies. Walgreens will match this donation. Since its inception, “Tucson Supplies Teachers” has raised over \$250,000 in school supplies for Southern Arizona classrooms, which has directly benefited over 10,000 teachers each year.

“It is well documented that teachers spend, on average, about \$500 of their own income on school supplies for their classrooms” said Jacquelyn Jackson, executive director of Tucson Values Teachers. “Our goal is to make that out-of-pocket expense for teachers to be \$0. Walgreens and the Community Finance Corporation have been extremely generous throughout the years and are big supporters of our goal of making sure that our teachers keep their hard-earned money in their pockets. Join us in our fight for fully supplied classrooms,” said Jackson.

From July 30 – August 13, all Walgreens in Southern Arizona (Pima County, Sierra Vista and Nogales), will host collection boxes for the community to drop off items such as paper, pens, tissue-paper, pencils and dry erase markers. Items can be purchased at Walgreens or brought in from other sources.

For a full list of participating Walgreens drugstores and their locations, visit www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org.

ABOUT TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS

Tucson Values Teachers is a regional initiative determined to prove that the Southern Arizona community should not just talk about the importance of improving education, but must unify in action to retain, recruit and reward K-12 teachers. The organization recognizes the critical role of teachers in the region and values the vital influence they have on Tucson's future. For more information, visit www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org or call (520) 327-7619.

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