

May 15, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The United Way Volunteer Center is coordinating **Project Fresh Start 2009**. Project Fresh Start is a program designed to provide children with required school supplies. This program is available to children in kindergarten through 12th grade who live in Portage County, attend Portage County schools, and whose family meets the financial qualifications. (*Financial qualifications are the same as the free/reduced lunch program. The chart on the registration form can help determine eligibility.*) Project Fresh Start will take place on Saturday, August 22nd at Ben Franklin Junior High, Stevens Point. *

To sign up your children:

- 1) Determine if your family qualifies by referring to the income guidelines listed at the bottom of the registration form. Then circle the boxes that match your household size and income.
- 2) List each child's information on the registration form (photocopy as necessary).
- 3) Return the completed registration form **by August 5, 2009** to the **United Way Volunteer Center**, 1100 Centerpoint Dr., Suite 301, Stevens Point, WI 54481.*
- 4) A confirmation letter will be sent out in mid-August with an **assigned time slot** for your family to arrive on Saturday, August 22rd at Ben Franklin Junior High, Stevens Point.

Quick reminders for registration:

- This program is available to children in Kindergarten through 12th grade (not available for 4K).
- School Supplies will only be available on Saturday, August 22nd to pre-registered families. Bag pre-packing requests will not be accepted.

Please note the following about the day of Project Fresh Start:

- Public transportation will not be available/provided.
- A parent/guardian must accompany their child/children.
- Each child will be provided with supplies needed according to their school supply list; however each child may not get the full quantity required on their list. **The number of supplies available will depend on the amount collected.**
- Registered families for Project Fresh Start will automatically be registered for "Project Fresh Clothes" which will take place at Ben Franklin that day. This project provides each child with gently used clothes at no charge.*
- Registered families will have the chance to receive a free booster seat or bicycle helmet from Portage County Child Passenger Safety/Portage County Safe Kids. **Confirmation letter will have details.*

Additional registration forms can be found online at www.unitedwaypoco.org or at area schools. Contact the United Way Volunteer Center with any questions regarding registration at (715)341-6740 or dial 2-1-1.

Hmong and Spanish resources and registration forms are can be found online at www.unitedwaypoco.org or at the United Way office: 1100 Centerpoint Dr., Stevens Point WI 54481.

Please register early. Early registrations will get you an earlier time slot on August 22nd.

*Almond-Bancroft students please check with your school or call 715-341-6740 to see who is eligible. Project Fresh Start will take place at your school on August 27. This event is open only to Almond-Bancroft Students.