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Tri-Valley Haven Needs Help with School Supply Drive

July 8, 2013-Livermore CA— Tri-Valley Haven will be giving away backpacks and school supplies to students in need on Tuesday, August 13th from 1-5PM at their Food Pantry (located at 418 Junction Avenue in Livermore). Tri-Valley Haven is asking the community for help to enable underprivileged children to return to school with dignity by assisting them with school supplies.

The impact of the recession is still evident in the numbers served at the Haven's Food Pantry. Last year the Pantry served nearly 5,600 individuals from Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton and Sunol. "With so many families still struggling to keep food on their table, it is no surprise that many parents don't have the money to purchase school supplies for their children," says Samantha Burrows, Director of Homeless and Family Support Programs, who oversees the Haven's Pantry as well as the Back to School Drive.

Last year, over 400 Tri-Valley children were outfitted with backpacks, school supplies and even new shoes; this year the Haven anticipates the number of those in need to climb even higher. Backpacks and supplies are given out on a first come, first served basis until they are gone, and although the distribution itself does not start until the afternoon, families begin lining up in the early morning hours.

The Haven is requesting the community's help in making this year's drive a success. Donations are being accepted until Thursday, August 8th at the Tri-Valley Haven Community Building, located at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore.

Families needing assistance are invited to come to the Pantry on Aug 13th; all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. In fairness to families who show up early and wait in line, holding spaces or picking up items for other families will not be allowed. Identification and evidence of being a Tri-Valley resident are required.

For information on donating to the program or on how to participate, please call Samantha at (925) 449-2510.

Now in its fourth decade of service Tri-Valley Haven provides vital shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness. The Haven also provides comprehensive violence prevention education and counseling. For more information about the Haven please visit www.trivalleyhaven.org or call (925) 449-5842.

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