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Back To School Drive

To benefit low-income families with children living in Greater Hartford

WEST HARTFORD—August 8, 2016— Every child deserves a good education. And while most children in Connecticut begin their school year refreshed and prepared to learn on day one, too many children go to school hungry, without new shoes or clothes, without backpacks or the most basic supplies needed to learn.

In the Jewish tradition and the spirit of caring for one other, Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford launched its second annual **Back To School Drive** today, Monday August 8, 2016. The drive runs for two weeks until August 22, 2016. Residents and businesses are invited to help a child living in or near poverty with a donation of school supplies.

Suggested school supplies include lined paper, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, calculators, spiral notebook, pocket folders, rulers, binders, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils glue sticks, black or blue pens, and backpacks.

Drop boxes can be found at seven locations around Greater Hartford:

- **Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT**
- **Mandell JCC Swim and Tennis Club, 4 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, CT**
- **Staples, 2550 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT**
- **New England Urgent Care, 21 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT**
- **New England Urgent Care, 576 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, CT**
- **New England Urgent Care, 55 Hazard Avenue, Enfield, CT**
- **New England Urgent Care, 30 Dorset Crossing, Simsbury, CT**

Also participating in the collection drive is a new initiative of Jewish Family Services. **Tara's Closet** accepts lovingly worn clothing for low income families. Upcoming Drop-off Days for student-age clothes at Congregation B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, 180 Still Rd, Bloomfield, CT are **Tues-Wed. August 9-10, 10 AM to 4 PM**. Families with children living in Greater Hartford may reserve a shopping appointment during **Tara's Closet Back To School Week, August 15-16**, by calling Patti Weiner at 860-236-1927 x7129 .

Tara's Closet was inspired by a West Hartford woman who lost her life to bi-polar disorder. Guests can "shop" through the wide selection of free clothing for men, women, and children in a boutique-style environment.

The second annual Back To School Drive is sponsored by our business partners: Bob's Discount Furniture, C-Tec Solar, Boppers Events, Lesro, S&S Worldwide, and Victor Advertising Service.

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