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### MARSHALL BACKPACK PROGRAM

HCB Marshall Banking Center is partnering with the Marshall United Way to provide backpacks and school supplies to Marshall Public School children in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade that need that additional support for the coming school year. "We are asking for community partners, as well" said Nancy Goodin, HCB Marketing Director. "Community members who would like to contribute backpacks and school supplies are invited to drop those off at our Marshall branch, located at 124 West Michigan Avenue. Our employees are really excited about helping with this special project and we hope our friends and customers will join us in the project, as well." Hastings City Bank is contributing \$1,000.00 to get the program underway. Collection will take place from Monday, August 11 through Friday, August 22 to allow time for distribution before the new school year.

"The Marshall United Way is pleased to be a part of this partnership with the HCB Marshall Banking Center and Marshall Public Schools to help ensure that all Marshall students start the school year with the necessary supplies for a successful school year." said Patty Hoch-Melluish, Executive Director, Marshall United Way.

Marshall Public Schools will identify students in need through free and reduced lunch applications, homeless status information, personal relationships with the parents; and parent identified need. Principals at each building will determine how they will distribute the backpacks and supplies to students this year.

Saundra Hainline, Curriculum Director for Marshall Public Schools, states: "Gathering school supplies is a part of going back to school. MPS extends our appreciation to Hasting City Bank and The Marshall United Way for partnering with us to provide new school supplies to students. There is nothing like watching a child open up a new box of crayons and begin to express themselves. Thank you for providing our students with the tools to learn, grow, and succeed at school. I can't wait to see all the Teen-age Ninja Turtle and Frozen backpacks bopping down the halls at the elementary buildings."

Supplies needed include:

New backpacks, especially for high school students  
Three-ring binders - 1"  
Folders with pockets and/or clips  
Pencils  
Pens  
Calculators  
Glue sticks  
Highlighters  
Post-it notes  
Markers  
Colored pencils  
Erasers  
Spiral notebooks (wide ruled for elementary and college ruled for secondary)  
Loose leaf notebook paper  
Pencil boxes for elementary  
Crayons  
Poster board

Financial contributions are also welcome, which will be used to purchase needed supplies. Checks should be made payable to the Marshall United Way.

For more information contact Betsy Rissi, Secretary to the Curriculum Director, Marshall Public Schools at 269-781-1250 ext. 1108, Patty Hoch-Melluish, Executive Director, Marshall United Way at 269-781-3325 or

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