



The Community of Montecito Churches

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Montecito Churches Provide 800 Backpacks filled with School Supplies for Peoples' Self-Help Housing Kids

Santa Barbara, CA, July 25, 2007—Four Montecito Churches are working together to provide 800 backpacks filled with school supplies for Peoples' Self-Help Housing students from Carpinteria to Guadalupe. In addition to the backpacks and school supplies, 800 Payless Shoe Source gift cards have been donated by a member of one of the churches to ensure that children have new "back to school" shoes. Members from the "Community of Montecito Churches" include All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, El Montecito Presbyterian Church, Montecito Covenant Church, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Church volunteers will meet at the Covenant Church to sort and stuff the backpacks. All backpacks and school supplies were donated by the four churches and their parishioners. Peoples' Self-Help Housing will deliver all the backpacks the following week to the housing developments.

"The leadership and parishioners of the four churches are truly grateful for this opportunity to serve these local children of lower income families, through Peoples' Self-Help Housing, and to help guarantee that they have the tools necessary to thrive in their school environments," said Don Johnson, spokesman for the Community of Montecito Churches.

Last year the Community of Montecito Churches assembled AIDS Caregiver Kits for the nation of Rwanda in partnership with the Christian relief and development organization World Vision.

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Who: Approximately 200 volunteers from "The Community of Montecito Churches"

What: Prepare back to school backpacks filled with school supplies for Peoples' Self-Help Housing children who reside in Peoples' Housing (from Carpinteria to Guadalupe)

Where: Covenant Church, 671 Cold Spring Rd Santa Barbara, CA (near Westmont college)

When: Saturday, July 28 from 10-Noon. Best photo opportunity is 11 AM.

Peoples' Self-Help Housing is an award winning non-profit organization with 37 years of experience developing affordable housing and community facilities for low-income and special needs households. With over 1000 homes completed and over 1200 rental units developed, PSHH continues to strengthen its reputation and leadership position as the premiere affordable housing and community developer on the Central Coast. PSHH is committed to developing vibrant neighborhoods, building attractive, high quality housing and providing innovative community services, so their residents have every possible opportunity to succeed in life.

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