



Kids In Need Foundation

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STAPLES FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING CONTINUES SUPPORT OF KIDS IN NEED RESOURCE CENTERS FOR THEIR THIRD YEAR

DAYTON, OH – July 6, 2005 – Staples Foundation for Learning awards a \$25,000 grant for the third consecutive year to help Kids In Need Resource Centers, a program of SHOPA Foundation for Educational Excellence. Kids In Need Resource Centers provide free school supplies to children and teachers in 15 under funded urban communities throughout the U.S.

SHOPA Foundation for Educational Excellence is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and is part of the School, Home, & Office Products Association (SHOPA). The grant from Staples Foundation will support the Kids In Need Resource Centers' purpose of equipping children whose families are unable to purchase school supplies and to help enhance classrooms with items to aid students' success.

“Staples Foundation continues to give to the SHOPA Foundation because they share our drive to support the education of children.” said Steven Jacober, President of SHOPA Foundation. “The Kids In Need Resource Centers are a direct line of help to

impoverished children. The generous support from Staples Foundation helps the Centers give the right tools to teachers and children who need them.”

Insert Quote From Joy Errico

For Staples Foundation’s continual giving, SHOPA Foundation is honoring them at their annual Gala event. This event showcases a company that has shown outstanding support for their communities.

Launched in August 2002, Staples Foundation for Learning supports programs that provide job skills and educational opportunities for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded over \$2 million in grants to non-profit organizations across the country.

Since its founding in 1995, the SHOPA Foundation has distributed more than \$120 million worth of school supplies to children and teachers nationwide. Kids In Need Resource Centers are located in Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Newark, North Texas, Orlando, Scarborough (Maine), Seattle, South Florida, and Washington, D.C. For more information about the SHOPA Foundation, visit their web site, www.kidsinneed.net.

SHOPA, founded in 1991, is a nonprofit trade association representing nearly 1,500 manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, distributors, retailers,

commercial/ contract stationers, and service companies involved in the production, distribution, and sale of school supplies and office products through mass retail and commercial channels. Touted as the largest fair for the school and office products industry in the Americas, the International SHOPA Show has been recognized by Tradeshow Week as one of the top 200 shows in the United States.

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