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**ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL COLLECTION SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR
THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER**

BELLEVILLE – Summer is here but the school year is just around the corner. St. Elizabeth's Hospital's Mission Integration Committee (MIC) invites the public and our employees to donate school supplies for needy families, July 25 through August 5.

All items will benefit children at the Violence Prevention Center.

Items needed include:

K-8th girls lunch box	K-8th girls backpack
K-8th boys lunch box	K-4th boys backpack
#2 pencils	pencil box
large erasers	plastic sandwich bags
crayons	pocket folders
large crayons	glue sticks
tablets	bottles of glue
markers	hand gel
loose leaf paper (wide rule)	loose leaf paper (college rule)
spiral bound notebooks (wide rule)	
spiral bound notebooks (college rule)	

Collection locations include several areas at the hospital and at our O'Fallon facility. Items can be dropped off at the hospital, 211 S. Third Street in Belleville, at the 1st and 2nd floor garage entrances, in the Main hospital lobby or in the lobby of

the Southern Illinois Heart Institute building. Additionally, donations can be made at the O'Fallon Medical Building, 1512 N. Green Mount Road in O'Fallon.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital Mission Integration Committee sponsors this yearly collection. MIC promotes a Christian spirit and service throughout the entire organization. The purpose of the Mission Integration Committee's activities is to support the religious philosophy of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis whose mission is to witness the healing love of Christ. MIC coordinates and promotes several events throughout the year to benefit the community and our employees including clothing drives, food collections, book fairs and more. MIC is also responsible for the Employee Assistance Fund. The Employee Assistance Fund collects donations primarily through employee payroll deductions. These funds can only be used for loans or grants to St. Elizabeth's employees in financial need.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.