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Dear Chastity,

An article and picture for *The Plainville Citizen*:

On Sunday, August 23rd, the Congregational Church of Plainville, United Church of Christ, concluded its annual Backpack Drive by packing 39 backpacks full with school supplies for local children and collected a \$50 gift certificate to Walmart for shoes and school uniforms for several families. The Congregational Church of Plainville is part of the Covenant to Care for Children's Adopt a Social Worker program which matches individual religious congregations of any faith tradition with a State of Connecticut child protective services social worker. The purpose of the match is to support a specific DCF social worker and to meet the unmet needs of abused, neglected, and severely impoverished children in the local community. Throughout the year, the needs identified by a State of Connecticut social worker who is matched with the Congregational Church are met through the abundance and generosity of church members. At this time of year, the need is for new backpacks and school supplies for the social worker's young clients so that they are well equipped to start the new school year. For the fifth year, the Mission-Social Action Committee has organized the gathering of new backpacks and school materials. Members and friends of the church donated and filled 39 backpacks following the morning worship service, and provided gift cards for several of the children to purchase school uniforms and shoes. This week, Lynn Ludwin, our DCF social worker, distributed the backpacks to her school-age clients for their first day of school.

Thanks.

Sincerely,
Carol O. Peterson, Chair
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