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## **Spokane Teens ‘Do Something’ to Collect School Supplies for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County**

*Stars from ABC Family’s Pretty Little Liars Join Staples and DoSomething.org to Promote the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National School Supply Drive: Staples for Students – Do Something for Kids in Need*

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON (August 1, 2011) – [DoSomething.org](http://DoSomething.org) and [Staples](http://Staples) (Nasdaq: SPLS) are teaming up with the stars from ABC Family’s hit show *Pretty Little Liars* for the Staples for Students – Do Something for Kids in Need national school supply drive ([www.staplesforstudents.org](http://www.staplesforstudents.org)). School supplies collected in Spokane will benefit youth at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County to equip them with tools they need to achieve academic success.

As part of the Staples for Students campaign ([www.staplesforstudents.org](http://www.staplesforstudents.org)), the stars of *Pretty Little Liars* -- Lucy Hale, Troian Bellisario, Ashley Benson, and Shay Mitchell -- are encouraging Spokane teens to make a difference this summer by collecting school supplies and dropping them off at their nearest Staples store from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Staples customers will be able to get involved by donating \$1 at any Staples store, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting Spokane’s students in need.

All school supplies and donations will be given locally to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County to ensure they get into the hands of disadvantaged youth just in time for the new school year. As a national partner with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Staples supports the organization’s mission to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Staples for Students school supply enables Club youth to achieve great futures by helping young people in need return to school prepared to learn and succeed.

“We are all thrilled to be the force behind this year’s Staples for Students campaign,” said Lucy Hale. “After participating in last year’s backpack stuffing event and sharing my experience with my cast-mates, we all knew we wanted to be a part of this great cause to encourage teens to make a difference to help students start the year off right.”

Since 2008, in growing the campaign along with DoSomething.org, Staples has helped to raise nearly \$2 million and has donated hundreds of thousands in school supplies for students in need throughout the country. Past celebrity supporters include singers Jordin Sparks, Ciara and Twilight star Nikki Reed.

“It’s hard to imagine sending your kids back to school without proper supplies, but the reality is that countless students face this challenge every year,” said Christine Mallon, vice president of retail marketing at Staples. “With help from our celebrities, Staples is ready to rally the public to get out and do something for kids who need our help the most this summer.”

The campaign invites all area teens and residents of any age to participate in the supply drive by donating school supplies at the three Spokane Staples store locations: 9960 N. Newport Hwy; 15224 E. Indiana Avenue; and 2624 N. Division Road. The Staples for Students campaign is offering easy, innovative and new ways for teens to get involved in this year’s programs. By visiting [www.staplesforstudents.org](http://www.staplesforstudents.org), teens can sign-up or get more information to take action:

- **Request an Action Kit:** Whether it’s summer camp, summer sports leagues, or at neighborhood block parties, students can get tips, resources, and flyers on running their own school supply drives in their neighborhoods.
- **Text SUPPLIES to 38383:** Students will receive more information on how to begin their own school supply drive or find their nearest Staples drop-off location (standard text messaging rates apply).
- **Join a Pretty Little Liar:** When teens log-on and select their favorite star from the campaign, \$1 will be donated by Staples (up to \$10,000) to the cause and in turn, teens will get exclusive, behind-the-scenes details from the actresses.
- **Check in on Foursquare:** Starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>, teens who check-in at any Staples store on Foursquare will also have a \$1 donated on their behalf by Staples to the campaign (up to \$5,000).

“DoSomething.org is all about action,” said Nancy Lublin, CEO and Chief Old Person at DoSomething.org. “We’re proud to continue our relationship with Staples on a campaign that gives young people the power to rock social change and really make a difference among their peers in their very own communities.”

To further demonstrate support for DoSomething.org, Staples is continuing with their line of DoSomething.org-inspired products. This year features designs developed by students who won a contest to have their creative artwork showcased on products at Staples stores. These designs inspire fellow teens to take action in their community and are available at Staples retail stores.

#### **About DoSomething.org:**

DoSomething.org is the nation’s largest organization dedicating to empowering young people to take action around any cause. By leveraging communications technologies and social media, DoSomething.org enables teens to convert their ideas and energy into positive action. The award-winning site inspires, empowers and celebrates a generation of doers: teenagers who recognize the need to do something, believe in their ability to get it done, and then take action. Plug in at [www.DoSomething.org](http://www.DoSomething.org).

#### **About Staples:**

Staples is the world’s largest office products company and a trusted source for office solutions. The company provides products, services and expertise in office supplies, copy & print, technology, facilities and breakroom, and furniture. Staples invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and now has annual sales of \$25 billion, ranking second in the world in eCommerce sales. With 90,000 associates worldwide, Staples operates in 26 countries throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia, making it easy for businesses of all sizes, and consumers. The company is headquartered outside Boston. More information about Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) is available at [www.staples.com/media](http://www.staples.com/media).

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**About The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County**

Since 2001, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County has been a part of a nationwide affiliation of local, autonomous organizations dedicated to helping young people of all backgrounds develop the qualities they need to become responsible citizens and leaders. Founded in the philosophies of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates multiple Clubs in order to provide a broad range of programs in five Core Areas: Education and Career Development, Character and Leadership Development, Health and Life Skills, The Arts and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

Currently serving more than 4,000 area youth between the ages of 6 - 18, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates three Clubs year-round from Friday through Monday. For a yearly membership fee of \$10, youth have access to all of the Clubs: Northtown Branch (Open 3pm – 7pm); the Libby Teen Center (Open 4pm – 8pm) and the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Mead Branch (Open 3pm – 7pm). For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane, visit [www.bgcspokanecounty.org](http://www.bgcspokanecounty.org).

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