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“Community FOCUS Hastings” Back-to-School Event Distributes 425 School Supply Kits and More!

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL — 8/10/18 — The Hastings Branch Library, The Hastings Friends of the Library, and Team UP Hastings hosted the third annual “Community FOCUS Hastings” back-to-school event at the library and Hastings Town Hall complex on Saturday, July 21st. Over 1,100 residents attended and 425 school supply kits were distributed, as well as Vans shoes, dental kits, underwear, and socks.

This annual event supports children and families in the 32145 and 32033 zip codes, which includes the communities of Hastings, Spuds, Armstrong, Elkton, and Flagler Estates in St. Johns County.

Over 30 organizations, including The St. Johns County School Board and several St. Johns County departments were onsite to provide school supplies, free sports and pre-k physicals, vision and hearing screenings, glucose and cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, and information on services and resources available to families in St Johns County.

100 volunteers worked to make FOCUS a success, including student volunteers from SJC 4-H and Pedro Menendez High School. The event was also supported by sponsorship from Flagler Hospital and Island Doctors. The Hastings Friends of the Library and the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department generously funded the school supply kits so they could be distributed to families free of charge.

To learn more about the Hastings Branch Library or the Team UP Hastings partnership, contact Brad Powell at bpowell@sjcfl.us or 904.827.6970.

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