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Colorado Kids for Kids Delivering Gently-Used School Supplies to the Denver Center for International Studies at Fairmont

[Denver, CO] – Colorado Kids for Kids (CK4K), an entirely kid run not for profit organization, will be delivering new, and gently-used school supplies to the Denver Center for International Studies at Fairmount (DCIS) on August 15, 2013 at 9:00 am. CK4K board members organized and executed a supply drive involving 5 area schools and their local neighborhoods at the end of the 2012-13 school year to benefit the students and teachers at DCIS. The collected supplies - notebooks, paper, markers, writing utensils, note cards and many other items - will be delivered to school principal Anne Jacobs for use at DCIS.

“Last year, I was amazed at how the trash cans at my school were overflowing with supplies left by students leaving for summer break,” said Cailey Karshmer, CK4K Founder, Board Chair and Graland Country Day School student. The quantity of the discarded supplies was not the only thing that struck Karshmer. “Most of the school supplies looked brand new, many were still in their original wrappers,” continued Karshmer. “It felt like such a waste, surely someone could use these supplies.”

Someone can. The Denver Center for International Studies at Fairmont, which will open its doors to new students this August, is pleased to accept the supplies collected by CK4K. “Our vision is that, one day all children will have the opportunity to develop the academic knowledge, skills, and global perspectives necessary to lead in their communities and the world. They cannot do that without the proper tools,” said Jacobs. “We are thrilled to receive the supplies collected by CK4K.”

By organizing and successfully executing this school supply drive, CK4K is furthering its mission to help sick, disabled, homeless and underprivileged kids by supporting their needs, raising awareness and volunteering. CK4K’s four-person board (none of whom have reached their teens) - Abby Foster, Chloe Howard, Cailey Karshmer and Lior Yaron - have been working diligently to organize, plan and implement this creative and beneficial event. Planning began in January 2013 for the event which will continue until all of the collected items are in the hands of the principal, teachers and students at DCIS.

Community support for the initiative has vastly exceeded all expectations. “I was shocked by how much my friends, classmates and neighbors contributed,” said Yaron, CK4K Board Treasurer and Campus Middle School student. “The supplies just kept coming and coming. We have run out of space to store them.”

CK4K is currently planning their next endeavor to help other Colorado Kids.

To help, please send checks to:

Colorado Kids for Kids
6795 East Tennessee Avenue, 5th Floor
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About CK4K

Cailey Karshmer, a 12 year-old Denver girl, started Colorado Kids for Kids (CK4K) in 2013. Karshmer began her philanthropic endeavors at the age of six by donating all of her birthday presents to a local homeless shelter. Seeing the impact her donations had on the children, Karshmer immediately decided to donate her presents every year.

Each year as Karshmer grew, so did her desire to give back to the community. In addition to her birthday gifts, she began donating her hard earned allowance, her holiday gifts and her time to children in need. As Karshmer continued down this charitable path, she heard many stories of the children's overwhelming excitement and joy at receiving her donations. These accounts further solidified her commitment to charity.

When Karshmer turned ten, she hit a stumbling block – she no longer had birthday parties. Struggling with her desire to give to the community while no longer having her party gifts to offer, Karshmer searched for a way to continue giving to children in need. After learning about not for profit organizations, Karshmer quickly decided to create Colorado Kids for Kids, a 501(c)(3), to benefit sick, disabled, homeless and underprivileged children. With the help of many businesses such as Foster, Graham, Milstein & Calisher, LLP, Anabliss, and Rapid Networks, Inc., CK4K became a 12 year-old girl's reality.

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