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**The Community Engagement Group of the United Way of Blair County wishes to thank everyone for a very successful “Stuff the Bus” back to school supply program. Because so many businesses and individuals chose to “live united,” together we were able to help over 300 school age children who otherwise may not have been able to afford materials needed to start back to school.**

**Newspaper articles, NEW Customer Service Companies, Inc. and Roaring Spring Paper gave this project a jump start from the beginning. It was through the local newspaper articles that the community became involved. NEW donated back packs filled with school supplies as well as facial tissues, folders, and additional miscellaneous school supplies. Roaring Spring paper donated a skid of composition books, which were distributed to area schools. Altoona Area Public Library, Altoona Sunrise Rotary, Begin With Us Childcare and Preschool, Blair County Head Start, Chalk Box, Child Advocates of Blair County, Cove Counseling, Faith United Church of Christ, First Energy/ Penelec, First English Lutheran Church Tyrone, IBEW LOCAL 1944, Llyswen United Methodist church, Logan Valley Mall, Lower Claar Church of the Brethren, St. John’s United Church of Christ and 28<sup>th</sup> Street Church of the Brethren, and numerous members of the community also collected and donated back packs and miscellaneous school supplies.**

**Supplies for the 2009 “Stuff the Bus” back to school supply program were collected from June 30, 2009 through August 2, 2009. An initial distribution for students and their families to pick up supplies was held at the United Way of Blair County office on August 13, 2009; however thanks to coverage by WTAJ TV-10 donations continued to be received and distribution of school supplies continued through September 2, 2009.**