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Family-Friendly News

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Families in a Downtown Silver Spring Community Get a Break!

In these times of recession, any form of good news is welcome. So you can imagine how families in a downtown Silver Spring community felt when they received flyers stating that free school supplies would be distributed in a nearby park: Nolte Park. All they had to do to receive the supplies was to show up in the park on Saturday, August 8 between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

So some of them did! The scene before them in Nolte Park on August 8 was wel-



Children line up to receive backpacks.

coming. There was delicious food, including hotdogs, fried plantains, and chips. There was a fun game for children and adults. There was a kite-making area. Families were taught how to make kites and then flew the kites that they made. There was a face-painting area, where children got their faces painted. The grand finale occurred when children received backpacks containing various school supplies, including crayons, erasers, markers, notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, and

sharpeners. More than 80 backpacks were distributed.

But who was the kind donor? It was none other than the Children Ministry of Bethel World



Bethel's caring Children Ministry hosted the bash.

Outreach Ministries' Center for Family Development! Headed by Veronica Beckley, Children Ministry is composed of more than 25 dedicated workers. This team serves more than 200 children weekly at Bethel's Children Church. Children Ministry serves infants to 12-year-olds and is one of four ministries of Bethel's Center for Family Development, a center dedicated to serving families in Bethel and families in the community.

Bethel (www.bwomi.org) is passionate about serving its community. Just recently, on June 6, 2009, Bethel served more than 500 persons in 7 communities. One team took breakfast and toiletries to men at Carroll House, a homeless shelter for men in Silver

Spring. Another team cleaned rooms and removed furniture at Central Union Mission, a social service ministry in DC.



A Bethel team delivers food to residents of an apartment complex in Silver Spring.

A third team cleaned a local park, gave water to passersby there, and gave donuts and water to job seekers at a hiring center in Takoma Park. A fourth team painted benches on the grounds of Springvale Terrace, an assisted-living home in Silver Spring. A fifth team cleaned the premises of two apartment complexes, one in Silver Spring and another in Takoma Park, and gave goody bags to the residents.

Mother Theresa said, "Small acts of kindness done with great love will change the world." Bethel, you did a small act of kindness with great love to each family that received a backpack of school supplies and enjoyed the food and fellowship. Bethel, you are changing your community—one family at a time. Bethel, keep up the good work!



Don't Miss the First Concert of the University of Liberia Alumni Chorus!

The first annual concert of the University of Liberia Alumni Chorus (www.ulalumchorus.org) will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009. The concert begins at 6 p.m. Its venue is Woodside United Methodist Church, located at 8900 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

This chorus ministers powerfully, so come expecting the Lord to bless you through their ministrations. Come also knowing that you will be participating in a bigger picture: The primary goal of the chorus is to assist the University of Liberia, so purchasing a ticket helps the chorus achieve this goal.

General admission tickets cost only \$10, patron tickets cost \$50, and special patron tickets cost \$100. To purchase tickets, call the chorus at (240) 421-5977, or e-mail the chorus at ulalumchorus@gmail.com.

