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## **Bencorp Provides Local Children with Back to School Tools**

**Franklin, MA** –Bencorp, an employee based volunteer group at Benjamin Franklin Bank, is working to assist disadvantaged children in the community with their back-to-school needs. Bencorp works in conjunction with local social service agencies and shelters to target families in need throughout our branch communities. We will be collecting new school supplies to fill gender and age specific backpacks to ensure that children in need are well prepared to return to school. Supplies being collected include pencils, pens, markers, highlighters, notebooks, lined or loose leaf paper, crayons, tape and much more. When shopping for your own children's supplies, please consider picking up a little extra to benefit local kids. For those who prefer not to shop, Bencorp will gladly accept monetary donations and we'll do the shopping for you! Donations will be accepted at any Benjamin Franklin Bank location through August 24, 2007. Deliveries will be made to families during the weekend of August 25 as most schools begin classes the following week. Please consider helping Bencorp assist children in need throughout our neighborhood.

Bencorp is an employee based community outreach program that provides volunteer services and financial education to organizations and communities within the Benjamin Franklin Bank footprint.

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