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Legacy Gets Kids Ready for School by Giving Out 1,300 Backpacks to Southeast Texas Students

BEAUMONT, TX – (July 24, 2024) On July 27 Legacy Community Health in Beaumont will be gifting 1,300 student backpacks, filled with supplies, and providing haircuts and scheduling medical exams and vaccinations on-site at its annual Back-to-School Festival. Josh Davis, Vice President of Development at Legacy Community Health, explains that the festival helps to have kids ready on Day One as well as connect the attendees with community resources. “We focus on driving healthy change in the community. It is important that they can walk in on day one, and have not only pencils and paper, but also their physical examinations and vaccinations.”

The event starts at 10 am at Pietzsch-MacArthur School, at 4500 Highland Avenue, and ends at 1 pm. “Last year was so successful that families were lining up as early as 8 am to make sure they got the backpacks!”. Josh highlights the connection between student wellness and academic achievement. “Our mission at Legacy is to connect our community to health every day, in every way. This is a great example of how we do that. Two years ago we had demand for 300 backpacks, and this year we put together 1,300.”

Legacy would also like to thank our many sponsors, including ExxonMobil, Quest Diagnostics and Manning’s Solutions for Business. We also extend our gratitude to the 40+ vendors (including Wellpoint, Lamar Institute of Technology, Gulf Credit Union, First State Bank of Texas, Hancock Whitney and Common Cents Credit Union) and the barbers and stylists who are donating haircuts.

Legacy’s three clinics are located at 450 N. 11th Street, 3455 Stagg Drive and 3030 North Street (Suite 500). We offer adult primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN and behavioral health care. Last year Legacy treated more than 14,000 patients and completed nearly 46,000 appointments for the communities in and around Beaumont, Groves, Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur and Port Neches. For more on how Legacy drives healthy change in Beaumont, please visit: legacycommunityhealth.org/Beaumont. Josh shared that the Legacy team look forward to this event all year. “It is so rewarding for everyone. Our community here in Beaumont is great, and we couldn’t be more excited!”

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About Legacy Community Health

Legacy Community Health (Legacy) is a full-service network of community health clinics offering primary and specialty care in the Texas Gulf Coast region. Services include adult primary care, behavioral health services, community outreach, dental care, endocrinology, geriatrics, comprehensive HIV/AIDS care, nutrition and wellness, OB/GYN and maternity care, pediatrics, pharmacy, public health, school-based health, social services, and vision care. With more than 57 locations across Houston, Baytown, Deer Park, Stafford and Beaumont, Legacy is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Texas. Legacy has been a United Way-affiliated agency since 1990. To learn more, visit www.legacycommunityhealth.org.