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### **Janus, Cherry Creek North and Surrounding Retailers Team Up to Collect School Supplies for DPS Students in Underserved Communities**

*Latest Contribution in Support of the Multi-Faceted Relationship between Janus and DPS*

**Denver, CO (July 28, 2014)** – Janus Capital Group and the Cherry Creek North community are joining forces to collect much needed school supplies for Denver Public Schools. More than 15 retailers will be hosting donation drop-off sites for the 2014 Janus Community School Supply Drive running July 28 to August 15.

On average, DPS families spend \$75 per child on school supplies each year. Of these students, 72% qualify for free or reduced lunch. For most families, purchasing school supplies is often the last thing they can afford to do. According to a 2012 report by TakePart, American teachers spend a total of \$3 billion out of their own pockets to purchase school supplies for their students each year. That averages to \$480 a year for each public school teacher.

This year, the goal is to increase the number of donations in order to provide more students with the tools they need to learn and be successful in the classroom. The most needed items include: scissors, pencils, black and blue ink pens, notebook paper, composition notebooks, dry erase markers and highlighters.

The following businesses will be collecting items. Visit your favorite Cherry Creek North shop for a complete list of school supplies. Those marked with an asterisk are offering special discounts to customers making donations:

1. Enstrom Candies - 201 University Blvd #118
2. FastFrame of Cherry Creek - 255 Clayton Street #100S
3. \*Harriet's (25% off any one full price item with a \$10 donation) - 300 Fillmore St # 2G
4. The Inn at Cherry Creek - 233 Clayton Street
5. Lands' End - 2375 E. 1st Avenue
6. Little Feet - 201 University Blvd #103
7. Max Clothing Store - 264 Detroit Street
8. \*Mici Handcrafted Italian: Cherry Creek (Free cookie with donation) - 3030 E. 2nd Ave #208
9. \*Mici Handcrafted Italian: Downtown (Free cookie with donation) - 1531 Stout Street
10. \*Mici Handcrafted Italian: Stapleton (Free cookie with donation) - 2373 Central Park Blvd
11. National Cremation Society - 5060 E. Hampden Ave
12. Remax Professionals Denver - 242 Milwaukee Street
13. Sears - 2375 E. 1st Avenue
14. Show of Hands - 210 Clayton Street
15. SOL Lingerie - 248 Detroit Street
16. SolarGlass Window and Door - 201 University Blvd. Suite 123
17. The Wizard's Chest - 230 Fillmore St

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The annual Janus school supply drive is part of a holistic relationship between the firm and Denver Public Schools, which includes the largest corporate donation in DPS history, in addition to myriad other forms of support.

“Our commitment to DPS exists on many levels,” said Casey Cortese, President of the Janus Foundation. “While our grants to support school innovation are core to our community investment strategy, we have also seen tremendous commitment from our individual employees, who make a direct and immediate impact for students and families by making financial commitments and also volunteering their time.

In the last school year alone, Janus employees donated more than 800 hours of volunteer time, through initiatives including the [DPS Foundation’s Tutormate program](#), school improvement volunteer days, job shadow days to help open students’ eyes to the careers that await them, and much more. This year, the school supply drive is coupled with the Janus employee 14er Challenge, which encourages employee teams to summit one of Colorado’s many 14,000-foot peaks to earn money for school supply donations.

“Through these programs, we hope to do our part to support the success of our students – our future leaders,” said Cortese. “We hope the entire community will join us in this vital mission by donating the supplies that will give our students a jump start on the year ahead.”

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