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## **Child Abuse Prevention Center Delivers Backpacks and Confidence** *-Summer Celebration Gives out over 600 Backpacks to Needy Children-*

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The Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center officially launched its annual Summer Celebration program to supply families enrolled in the Center's services with a new backpacks filled with school supplies. The program kicked off on August 4 at the Santa Ana Zoo, with a Summer Celebration event for the families. About three hundred backpacks were distributed at the event, while hundreds of additional backpacks were packed and will be handed out to Center families who could not attend.

Wells Fargo was the main sponsor of the event, and brought a team of volunteers to hand out backpacks and school supplies. "When a family is in crisis, sometimes everyday basics are overlooked. Starting the school year with a brand new backpack and new supplies creates a sense of confidence so that the child can focus on academics. I'm so proud of my team for bringing their support to these kids and for taking time to volunteer with such a worthy cause," said Alan Epperson, Well Fargo Business Banking Manager and Child Abuse Prevention Center Board Member.

Despite the summer heat, the children enjoyed the many booths, games and activities around the event designed to allow for fun and relaxation, away from the pressures families can face when dealing with crisis situations.

"Our families face so many challenges. Summer Celebration gives them a chance to get out into the community in a safe situation and benefit from the big hearts of our volunteers. The enthusiasm and spirit that the Wells Fargo team brings to our families lifts the energy of the day." said Scott Trotter, Executive Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Center. During the event, Allen Epperson of Wells Fargo Business Banking division presented a check for \$5,000 to Executive Director Scott Trotter.

Additional Summer Celebration sponsors included West Coast Arborists, Rattigan Construction, 7-Eleven, PIMCO, and Edward Lifesciences.

The Child Abuse Prevention Center has been helping children and their families in Orange County by providing child abuse prevention programs and crisis intervention services since 1983. Last year they brought direct in-home family services to thousands of individuals, believing in every child's right to grow up in a safe and nurturing home environment.

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