

Do Something 101: Easley-Area Teens to Collect School Supplies for their Local Communities

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Grammy® Winning Singer-Songwriter, Ciara, Teams Up with DoSomething.org and Staples in 2nd Annual School Supply Drive

EASLEY, SC (July 21, 2009) – DoSomething.org and Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) are teaming up for the 2nd annual Do Something 101 school supply drive. Joining them to support the cause is Grammy® winning singer-songwriter, Ciara.

As part of Do Something 101 (www.dosomething101.org), Ciara is encouraging Easley-area teens to make a difference this summer by collecting school supplies and dropping them off at their nearest Staples store, from now through September 19. In addition, Staples customers can get involved by donating \$1 at any Staples store with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting local teens in need.

All school supplies and donations will be given locally to the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Greenville, an educational and not-for-profit organization that serves disadvantaged youth.

Local Staples stores for supply drop off include:

- 6101 Calhoun Memorial Highway, Easley
- 1451 Woodruff Road, Greenville
- 3210 North Pleasantburg, Greenville
- 500 East McBee Avenue, Greenville

"The Do Something 101 campaign is such a great cause. I can't imagine going to school without pencils, notebooks and other basic supplies," said Ciara. "Every little bit counts and, through Do Something 101, the more we can get these essential products to teens, the more we help kids stay in school and excel even further. I look forward to working with DoSomething.org and Staples to spread the word!"

To help kick-off the campaign, Ciara is starring in a public service announcement (PSA) that will air on television and radio stations nationwide through September, and Staples is donating more than \$125,000 worth of school supplies to the program.

"The feedback from teen volunteers and recipients during our inaugural school supply drive in 2008 was inspiring," said Demos Parneros, president of U.S. stores at Staples. "With help from celebrities like Ciara, we will continue to raise awareness for underserved youth in local communities who need the basic supplies to succeed in school."

Easley-area teens who want to get involved can go to www.DoSomething101.org for ideas on how to run local school supply drives. Whether holding a school supply drive at summer camp, during a summer sports league, or at a neighborhood block party, DoSomething.org and Staples offer tips, resources, and flyers for how to get started and make the most of every teen's summer.

"DoSomething.org is all about encouraging teens to take action in their own communities. We're proud to be spearheading a campaign for the second year, with the help of Staples, that allows young people to really make a difference among their peers," said Nancy Lublin, chief executive officer of DoSomething.org.

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