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Teens encouraged to collect school supplies

TERRE HAUTE — DoSomething.org and Staples are teaming up for the 2nd annual national Do Something 101 school supply drive.

As part of Do Something 101, Terre Haute teens are encouraged to make a difference this summer by collecting school supplies and dropping them off at their nearest Staples store, now through Sept. 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 to the Terre Haute Boys & Girls Club, an educational and not-for-profit organization that serves disadvantaged youth.

Staples is at 125 Davis Ave.

To help kick off the campaign, 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.

Terre Haute teens who want to get involved can go to www.DoSomething101.org for ideas on how to run local school supply drives. Whether staging 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.

“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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