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### **400 Students Receive Backpacks Full of School Supplies**

(Arlington, VA) –Four hundred children living at AHC’s affordable apartment communities throughout Arlington and Baltimore started school this week with brand new backpacks stuffed with school supplies, generously donated by **Potomac Disposal Services (PDS), SunTrust Bank, and the Junior League of Northern Virginia.**

The annual backpack giveaway is organized by AHC’s Resident Services Program, which offers a variety of supportive services to residents of six of its affordable apartment complexes in Arlington. Nearly all of the children who received backpacks attend AHC’s free on-site after-school program that meets four days a week during the school year. “The children come from families who earn less than 60 percent of the area median income, so the school supplies are a big deal to them and their families, says Walter D. Webdale, President and CEO. “These backpacks give the students a chance to start the school year on an equal footing with their peers.”

AHC Inc., one of the Washington-Baltimore area’s largest developers of affordable housing, offers preschool, pre-K and after-school programs, computer training, field trips and classes for children, teens, adults and seniors. The program served 1,800 AHC residents this year.



*Muriel Garr, left, Vice President and Community Development Manager for SunTrust Bank and Ann Riege, Major Account Representative, Potomac Disposal Services (PDS), distributed backpacks on August 28 to children at AHC’s Woodbury Park Apartments in Arlington, Va. A total of 400 children received backpacks this year at several AHC affordable apartment communities.*

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