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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) and AHC Management LLC.

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. Most 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. “With school supplies costing more each year, these backpacks are a great way to help the children in our communities start off the school year with a smile,” says Walter D. Webdale, AHC President and CEO.

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

Photo: Ann Riege, Major Account Representative, Potomac Disposal Services (PDS) and Richard J. Leeds, President and CEO, AHC Management LLC, distributed backpacks on August 27 to children at AHC’s Woodbury Park Apartments and The Frederick in Arlington, Va. A total of 400 children received backpacks this year at several AHC affordable apartment communities.

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Founded in 1975, AHC Inc. is a private, nonprofit developer of low- and moderate-income housing. AHC produces and preserves affordable rental housing; provides homeownership opportunities; offers rehabilitation services; and provides on-site educational services to improve the quality of residents’ lives. www.ahcinc.org