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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY **NAPO-GPC MEMBERS ASSEMBLE BACKPACKS FOR CITY TEAM MINISTRIES**

CHESTER, PA – Members of the National Association of Professional Organizers, Greater Philadelphia Chapter (NAPO-GPC) recently partnered with City Team Ministries in Chester to help assemble 2,000 backpacks for needy children.

City Team has been doing this community event for 18 years. As NAPO-GPC member professional organizers Donna Jumper of Springfield, Debbie Lillard of Broomall, Nadine Nemecek of Ridley Park, and Ron Rizzo of Brookhaven witnessed while volunteering, City Team has a great organization system for assembling the backpacks with all the necessary school supplies for various age groups. Relying on volunteers and donations, they packed the bags during the week of August 15 and handed them out at a fun community event on Saturday, August 23. The turnout this year was a little lower due to hurricane Irene, but the kids who did attend enjoyed a free lunch, face painting, music supplied by a DJ, and a brand new backpack.

NAPO-GPC has partnered with City Team before, supplying furniture and household items for residents who have recently moved to an apartment from the shelter. “It’s a great partnership because we help people get rid of their excess, and City Team helps people who are starting with little to nothing,” NAPO-GPC board member Debbie Lillard commented. “Most clients are more than happy to part with their unwanted possessions when they know exactly where those items are going. It’s all about motivation.”

The nonprofit Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO-GPC) has been in existence since 1996 and has more than 80 members serving Eastern Pennsylvania, Central and Southern New Jersey, and Delaware. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter is part of the national nonprofit organization, NAPO, which has been active since 1985 and consists of more than 4,000 members throughout the United States and in eight other countries. For additional information or to find a professional organizer near you, visit the NAPO-GPC website at www.napo-gpc.org and click on “Find An Organizer.”

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Photo Caption: NAPO-GPC member professional organizers Debbie Lillard of Broomall, PA, and Nadine Nemeck of Ridley Park, PA, volunteer for City Team Ministries' back to school event.