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La Plata Walmart, Lions Club and Rotary Donate to the Charles County Arts Alliance "Back to School" Art Box Program



Art Supplies Purchased for Elementary School Children

For more than a decade, the Charles County Arts Alliance has provided art supply boxes to the Charles County school children in K through third grade. This year, the Alliance is proud to announce that with the support of the La Plata Walmart, La Plata Lions Club and La Plata Rotary, it was able to purchase over 500 art boxes and supplies.

Each box costs the Alliance between \$5 and \$6. Thanks to a \$1,000 Grant from the La Plata Walmart, and \$500 donations from the La Plata Lions Club and the Rotary of La Plata, the Alliance was able to increase the number of boxes from last year's 400.

Many thanks to the La Plata Walmart Store Manager Kim Swann for presenting the \$1,000 check from the Walmart Community Grant Program, and to Department Managers Tara Brown and Katilla Stewart, for collecting the supplies and making the purchasing process efficient and easy. Pictured below, from left: Katilla Stewart, CCAA President Robert Rausch, Kim Swann and Tara Brown.



On Wednesday, August 3, the Arts Alliance, with the gracious help of many volunteers, packed 528 plastic boxes with crayons, colored pencils, #2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, bottled glue and scissors. The boxes were then delivered to the Charles County Children's Aid Society on Thursday, August 4, to be included with backpacks that will be distributed to the school children.

Pictured below, from left: Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society Danielle Wilmoth, Lions Club Member Margie Knowland, Lions Club President Connie Burick, CCAA President Robert Rausch, Rotary President Gordon Schrader, and Children's Aid Society Warehouse Manager Janet Brett.



The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information on the Arts Alliance, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.