



Lathrop Gage Exceeds Donation Goal for Operation Breakthrough

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 25, 2011) – Lathrop Gage’s Kansas City and Overland Park, Kan. offices recently collected donations to benefit the Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance’s (LEAP’s) second annual back-to-school drive for Operation Breakthrough’s Back to School Breakfast event. The offices collected 315 backpacks and \$3,590 in donations. In addition, the firm donated 330 backpacks. The firm had committed to supplying all 435 backpacks needed to ensure that every student at Operation Breakthrough would be supplied one.

The extra money raised by Lathrop Gage will be used to buy school supplies, school sacks for preschoolers, and stock the Operation Breakthrough classrooms and homework room with supplies. The extra backpacks will go to students who come into the program in the middle of the school year, and to replace lost or broken bags. The students will receive and fill their backpacks with school supplies at the Back to School Breakfast on August 5.

LEAP is a not-for-profit foundation for the community service of lawyers in the Greater Kansas City area that specifically focuses on encouraging youth education. It a joint professional effort comprised of the Asian American Bar Association; the Association of Corporate Counsel, Mid-America Chapter; the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City; the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association; the Hispanic Bar Association; the Jackson County Bar Association; the KC LEGAL Bar Association; the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; the Lawyers Association of Kansas City; the Young Lawyers Section of the KC MBA; and the Young Lawyers Section of the Lawyers Association.

Operation Breakthrough is a not-for-profit corporation that offers a broad range of social services to children and families living in poverty. The center aims to provide a safe, educational environment for children to develop, and provides referral services, advocacy and emergency aid to their families.

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