Laboratory employees collect backpacks, school supplies for area school children

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, August 20, 2010—Los Alamos National Laboratory employees donated more than 1,000 backpacks and thousands of school supplies, including pencils, pens, and notebooks during the Lab's annual School Supply Drive.

The drive culminated in a Back-to-School Bash in downtown Los Alamos earlier this week that included a 3-kilometer fun walk and run and a backpack-stuffing contest where teams of Lab employees competed to stuff backpacks with school supplies in a predetermined amount of time.

Most of the backpacks and school supplies were delivered for distribution to Northern New Mexico school children just in time for the start of a new school year. Agencies receiving school supplies for distribution are: Adelante Program for Homeless Youth, Santa Fe Public Schools; Wings for Hope, Santa Fe; Taos Pueblo Day School;

Española School District; YMCA Teen Center, Española; Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Cruz and Chimayo; Self-Help Inc., Los Alamos.

The School Supply Drive was coordinated by the Laboratory's Community Programs Office.