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CENTRAL VALLEY CALTRANS EMPLOYEES PARTNER WITH LOCAL SPONSORS FOR BACKPACK GIVEAWAY CAMPAIGN

Fresno- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 6 is pleased to announce that due to the generosity of our sponsors this year, 257 Caltrans “CareTote” Backpacks were recently donated to local elementary students within the central valley. The **Caltrans “CareTote” Backpack Campaign**, was first initiated during the 2006-2007 school year, has to date resulted in the collection of over 700 backpacks filled with school supplies.

The pride associated with owning a Caltrans “CareTote” not only inspires the student to do well in school, but also signifies the generosity expressed by the employees and sponsor’s who made each donation possible. Each “CareTote” backpack was filled with various school items such as pencils, binders, crayons, markers, paper, pencil boxes, erasers, notebooks, glue, etc.,. Not only are we pleased to have been able to provide the tools that will inspire a child to be a great student, but this gift may also encourage students to some day give back to their own community.

This year, due to our economic hardships, our sponsors generously agreed to assist us with our collection efforts in order to continue this worthy campaign. The employees of Caltrans District 6 express their sincere appreciation to the following sponsors: 3-Sisters Ranch; CC Elite Girl’s Fast Pitch Softball Team; Greater Valley Credit Union; DekoPosh.com.

Elementary students within the five counties in which we serve (Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, and Kern counties) were the recipients of our collection efforts. Approximately 50 backpacks were distributed to students identified by the school or program who would ultimately benefit the most from these gifts.

We are pleased to announce the following recipients’ of the 2009-2010 Caltrans “CareTote” Backpack Campaign: **Fresno County**-Orange Center School District; Washington Elementary-Mendota; **Madera County**-Students Services Program; **Tulare County**-Pixley Elementary; **Kings County**-Armona Elementary; **Kern County**-Voorhies Elementary School.

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