



Tools For Teachers, Success For Students



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VECTREN TO HELP PREPARE CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL

DAYTON, OHIO; AUGUST 12 – At-risk, low-income Dayton area students will be prepared to start school with basic school supplies, thanks to a \$15,000 grant to Dayton's Crayons to Classrooms (DC2C) by Vectren Energy Delivery. The grant will support a teacher resource center that collects and distributes basic school supplies free of charge to teachers in local, under-funded kindergarten through 12th grade schools serving at-risk, low-income children. In addition, part of the donation will go toward the School Box Program, in which all children attending a pre-selected, high-need school will receive a kit containing basic school supplies.

"For thousands of students in our region, basic schools supplies are a luxury," said Steve Rubenstein, executive director of Crayons to Classrooms. "If parents are struggling to provide food and shelter for their children, they clearly have difficulty buying notebooks, pens, crayons and the like – items all kids are expected to have at the beginning of school. The goal of DC2C is to enhance the readiness to learn of all children in need in the Dayton area by providing them the necessary school supplies that are essential for learning. Our mission is to collect these basic tools for learning and distribute them at no cost to under-funded teachers and school children in need."

Since opening its doors January 15, 2009, DC2C has hosted fifteen school visits and served a total of 174 Dayton area teachers from eight schools that together are responsible for educating 3,555 children. For the upcoming school year, DC2C will expand the program to include twenty-one schools. To participate, teachers must be from schools that are pre-registered with DC2C, the criterion being that at least 70 percent of the school's students participate in the national School Lunch Program. In the Greater Dayton Region, there are approximately 85 schools and 1,400 teachers, who are serving the educational needs of 23,000 children that qualify.

"Vectren is committed to education and realizes the importance of supporting programs that provide our children an environment conducive to learning," said Lynda Hoffman, Vectren community affairs manager. "We are pleased to support Dayton Crayons to Classroom with this educational, community resource effort to help enable our children to become productive, educated citizens in the communities where we live and work."

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About Vectren

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About Crayons to Classrooms

Crayons to Classrooms is a free resource center for teachers from under-funded K-12 schools serving children who live in poverty in the Miami Valley area of Ohio. In partnership with local businesses, individual donors, and community volunteers, Dayton's Crayons to Classrooms (DC2C) lifts at-risk children's level and love of learning by providing them the basic school supplies that are essential to academic achievement at no cost to the children's teachers, families, or schools. DC2C is located in the Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley building at 1511 Kuntz Road in Dayton, Ohio. [Learn more at www.dc2c.org]

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