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Founders Bank, Fort Bend Star, Fort Bend Women's Center team up for unique Shred Day benefit to collect school supplies

SUGAR LAND (July 23, 2009) – For nearly 30 years, Fort Bend County Women's Center has been a "safe harbor" for survivors of domestic violence. And while carrying out its mission of helping women, the center also cares for their children, providing stability, support and hope for a better future.

You can help make those children's lives a little brighter by participating in the upcoming Shred Day event, sponsored by Fort Bend Star, Founders Bank and Fort Bend County Women's Center.

Shred Day is a unique school supply drive, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. With a small donation of three or more unused school supply items, you can safely and properly dispose of unneeded documents and help send a child to school with a smile.

Just bring old documents, bank and brokerage firm statements and other personal papers to Founders Bank (4690 Sweetwater Blvd. at Lexington in Sugar Land), where they will be shredded for free in exchange for a donation of school supplies.

The Women's Center needs backpacks, pencils, rulers, crayons and other supplies to ensure that the children it cares for have what they need for a successful school year.

"We serve around 1,000 children a year and it can be a struggle to provide the resources they need," said Vita Goodell, executive director of Fort Bend County Women's Center. "A new backpack and unused crayons and pencils really go a long way toward helping these young people feel confident and ready for a new start on the first day of school."

Shred Day is also about raising awareness about identity theft and the proper disposal of sensitive information, said Jim Sturgeon, Founders Bank CEO.

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“This is a great opportunity for Fort Bend residents to safely dispose of personal documents,” he said. “Identity theft is a major issue and one of the prime ways that criminals access personal information is through statements that are improperly discarded.

“At the same time, we’re pleased to partner with the Fort Bend Star to increase awareness of the important work that the Fort Bend County Women’s Center does. Many people don’t realize that the center also serves children, and Shred Day offers a great way for the community to help make a difference in those young people’s lives. I encourage everyone to bring their old documents to Founders Bank on Aug. 8 – and make a donation of new school supplies, too. It’s a good cause, all around.”

For more information on Shred Day, call Founders Bank at 281-325-5000.

About Founders Bank

Founders Bank is Fort Bend’s only locally owned and managed bank, with headquarters in Sugar Land. The bank takes its name from a “founders group” of Fort Bend businesspeople and community leaders who served as the driving force behind the institution’s organization. Founders Bank is focused on serving the Fort Bend community, with a special emphasis on small business, real estate and professional/executive needs. Learn more at www.foundersbanktx.com.