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Gift of Hope partners with area nonprofits for 13th Annual Taney County School Readiness Fair

Forsyth, MO, August 2, 2010 – Gift of Hope, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, partnered with Christian Action Ministries, The Salvation Army and Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) as well as over forty community service organizations on July 28th to host the 13th annual Taney County School Readiness Fair at the Skyline Baptist Church in Branson.

Over 400 Taney County children attended the fair. Each student registered with OACAC prior to the event so that school supply kits, specific for each grade, could be ordered and given away along with a backpack, clothing and shoe vouchers.

“This is an event where several Taney County nonprofits work together by providing the essential back to school supplies for the children of families who need our assistance the most.” Meghan Connell, Gift of Hope Director said.

The Skyline Baptist Church donated their facility for the event and provided refreshments and a cookie to each child at the fair. Becky and Andrea Kean providing complementary face painting, two youth groups provided live entertainment, Ronzo the Clown made elaborate balloon characters and door prizes from area attractions were given away.

“Area businesses and organizations supported the fair by making donations, helped raise money to offset the cost of the school supplies and volunteered their time.” Connell said. “Without the support and assistance of the community, this fair could not have happened for the children of Taney County.”

For information about Gift of Hope, Inc., and donation opportunities; please call 417-546-8062 or visit the website at www.giftofhopeinc.org.

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