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MEDIA ADVISORY

Palm Beach Community College organization to donate school supplies to needy children in Panama

**PBCC employees will hold a “Panama Packing Party” July 11 to get
the items ready for shipment**

WHAT: The Palm Beach Community College Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges has collected more than 100 athletic size shoe boxes filled with pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, paper and other school supplies that will be donated to children at Santa Clara Elementary School, a one room school house in Panama. Members of FACC, the professional organization for Florida’s community colleges, will hold a “packing party” to get the items ready for shipment to Panama.

WHEN: 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. -----July 11, 2005
(Best photo opportunities will be at 10 a.m.)

WHERE: Palm Beach Community College
Second floor of the Library (Gallery Room)
4200 Congress Avenue in Lake Worth

Background: PBCC Professor Lori Crane got the idea to help the children after she and Professor Tom Steffen, DBA, returned from a trip to Panama where they viewed an eclipse. While in Panama, they worked with three area elementary schools, teaching the children about eclipses and the sun, moon and earth connection. During the visit, the professors learned the plight and needs of one particular

school, Santa Clara Elementary, through an American couple, Dennis and Sheila Walker, whom the professors lived with in Panama. The Walkers have become the school's guardian angels. They also have set up a program to distribute needed supplies to the school: Escuela Santa Clara. They also have set up a program to distribute needed supplies to the school: Escuela Santa Clara. Touched by the situation, Crane asked Marie Reddy, a FACC community service coordinator, if FACC could help.

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