



DEVELOPER DONATES BOOK BAGS

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MIAMI — Carlisle Development Group, a leading developer of affordable homes, donated 500 book bags filled with school supplies to students who are members of Optimist clubs in the Overtown, Liberty City and Wynwood neighborhoods.

The company said it has supported the clubs since 2008. The clubs strive to enhance the lives of inner-city youth and families by helping them deal with life's challenges and improve their quality of life through mentorship, character development and skill-building.

"Education plays a vital role in the future of our communities and we are proud to support these students by providing them with the supplies needed to excel in their studies," Matthew Greer, the company's CEO, said in a statement.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and then Miami City Commissioner Richard P. Dunn II joined the Carlisle team to help distribute the school supplies and to stress the importance of education to students and their families.

The giveaway took place at the Optimist club offices where students were preparing for the start of the school year.

Book bags and supplies that were leftover from the giveaway were donated to Women in Distress, a 100-bed, 24-hour emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children, located in Broward County.

For more information on Carlisle, visit www.carlisledevelopmentgroup.com.

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HAPPY KIDS: Students in the Overtown Optimist club are all smiles as they walk off with book bags filled with school supplies, donated by Carlisle Development Group.