

## Colonial Donates Back-to-School supplies to two fort worth-area schools

Colonial recently hosted a back to school supply drive at our corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas to benefit two Fort Worth-area schools. Donation boxes were set up all around the Colonial campus to collect items for students at Stripling Middle School and Fort Worth ISD Leadership Academy at Forest Oak. For the majority of schools in Texas and around the country, school supplies are purchased by the students' families and even the teachers themselves, typically coming out of their own pocket. Colonial wanted to ease the financial burden for many of these families and teachers by donating school supplies including, pencils, notebooks, Kleenex, rulers, markers, highlighters, paper and more. Colonial was overwhelmed by the support of our employees as we collected hundreds of items including multiple prepacked complete supply kits containing one composition notebook, one subject notebook, loose leaf paper, index cards, 10 #2 pencils, pencil sharpener, 15 pencil erasers, four glue sticks, one bottle glue and a pencil pouch, as well as individual donations of notebooks, boxes of #2 pencils, folders, packages of markers and hundreds of other items that will contribute to the children's education and be put to great use. "Colonial's long history of contributing to the community is inspiring," said Debbi Spiker, AVP Employee Relations and Benefits. "The generosity and compassion of the Colonial family, in support of these two wonderful schools, was extraordinary and made such a difference in the lives of so many children." Colonial has had a longstanding relationship with Stripling Middle School who recently named their auditorium after Colonial Founder and Chairman Emeritus Jimmy DuBose, who attended school there. The 2017 – 2018 school year marks Colonial's first partnership with Fort Worth ISD Leadership Academy at Forest Oak. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.



*Pictured from left to right: Glenda Bain, Payroll Clerk, Kay Roper, Benefits Specialist, Amy Bishop, Principal, Stripling Middle School, Mark Mendoza, Purchasing Lead and Ryan Harvey Purchasing Clerk.*



*Pictured from left to right: Kay Roper, Glenda Bain, Marvin Duckett, Audit Coordinator, Joseph Cato, Counselor, Fort Worth ISD Leadership Academy at Forest Oak, Mark Mendoza and Ryan Harvey.*