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Connecticut Collision Repair Association Donates School Supplies

Rocky Hill, CT September 5, 2008 — The Connecticut Collision Repair Specialists (CCRS) has recently donated hundreds of school supplies to local Staples Office Supply Stores during the month of August. Staples is the primary sponsor of an organization called: DoSomething 101, which led the supply drive. Led by teens nationwide, Do Something 101 is a campaign to collect new school supplies for kids in need during the months of July and August.

Association members delivered over 20 large collection bins filled with various school supplies to local Staples stores. "We are truly overwhelmed with the response from not only our members, but many of our customers and vendors that have generously donated to the school supply drive" states Executive Director Lisa Siembab.

In 2006, nearly 37 million Americans lived in poverty; 12.8 million were under the age of 18. With school budgets tied to property taxes - many schools in poor neighborhoods get about **half** as much money per student than schools in affluent neighborhoods. And, with less money – less supplies are available for the kids. "It's hard to imagine that there are kids out there who will not get the needed supplies to start school in September.

Angelo Campanella, CCRS Chairman states, "Many of the CCRS members had to retrieve extra bins in order to accommodate the level of donations – and you can imagine the pride we feel when we know that there are kids out there who will have what the need to start their new school year." "We wanted to help – we wanted to make a difference for the kids in Connecticut - and our members made it happen!"

Connecticut Collision Repair association is an affiliate association of SCRS – Society of Collision Repair Specialists. Through its direct members and 34 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 6,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. For more information on CCRS, visit:

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