



## **Smead Donates School Supplies to Help Teachers & Students Get Organized**

### **Smead supports Kids in Need Foundation with significant product donation**

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HASTINGS, Minn., Sept 05, 2007 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- As the 2007/08 school year gets underway, Smead Manufacturing Company announced that it will donate school supplies valued at more than \$100,000 to support teachers and students in low-income neighborhoods. The donation, made through the Minneapolis chapter of the Kids in Need Foundation, will help ensure that recipient schools have what they need to enhance learning in the classroom.

Smead, a woman-owned business with a 100-year history, will donate more than 8,000 back to school products including high-end organizers, expanding files and padfolios in a variety of bright colors and fashion patterns to help students organize with style.

"There are many teachers in our community who don't have the tools and equipment that they need for their classrooms," said Sharon Avent, President and CEO of Smead Manufacturing. "We hope that our contribution of school supplies to the Minneapolis Resource Center of the Kids in Need Foundation will help to make the classroom experience just a little easier for students and teachers this year."

The Kids In Need Foundation's mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need.

"Smead has been a generous supporter of the Kids In Need Foundation for many years," said Dave Smith, executive director of the Kids In Need Foundation. "Teachers representing about 30,000 students will have access to the products they're donating to the Minneapolis Center. We greatly appreciate it."

About Smead: ( <http://www.smead.com> )

Smead Manufacturing Company is a worldwide leader in office filing products and records management systems. For more than 100 years, Smead has brought a spirit of innovation and integrity to keeping businesses and home offices organized. Headquartered in Hastings, Minnesota, Smead is a privately held, woman-owned business offering 5,000 organizational products with more than 2,600 employees in 14 manufacturing plants located across North America and Europe, including its Smead-Europe operations in The Netherlands.

About the Kids in Need Foundation: ( <http://www.kidsinneed.net> )

The Kids In Need Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1995 by the School, Home, & Office Products Association (SHOPA). The Foundation's mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need. The National Network of Kids in Need Resource Centers includes 23 facilities that allow teachers from low-income schools to obtain free school supplies for their students. In addition, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for students. The Kids in Need Foundation has distributed more than \$250 million in school supplies since its founding, directly benefiting 1.5 million students and 100,000 teachers annually, and has awarded more than \$771,000 in grants to teachers. For more information, visit <http://www.kidsinneed.net>.

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