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Grammy® Winning Singer-Songwriter, Ciara, Helps Teens Give Back at 2nd Annual Staples/Do Something 101 Volunteer Event

Participants Assemble 5,000 Bags of School Supplies for Youth in Need

NEW YORK – Aug. 4, 2009 — Grammy® Winning singer-songwriter [Ciara](#) shared the spotlight with youth volunteers today in a national effort to empower teens to give back to the community. Ciara, joined by Chaske Spencer of *Twilight* and singer Leah Renee, worked side-by-side with volunteers during the 2nd Annual [Staples/Do Something 101](#) national school supply drive event at [The Children’s Aid Society Dunlevy Milbank Boys & Girls Club](#) in New York. The group filled 5,000 bags with notebooks, calculators, binders and other back-to-school essentials, which will be donated to local students in need in time for the upcoming school year.

“It’s really exciting to be part of the [Do Something 101](#) campaign and to motivate teens across the country to get involved,” [Ciara](#) said. “Teens can make a big difference in another student’s life by giving school supplies and their time. The volunteers working here today are incredible.”

Ciara teamed up with [DoSomething.org](#) and [Staples, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: SPLS) – the world’s largest office products company – to launch the Do Something 101 campaign encouraging teens to make this summer count by volunteering and contributing supplies that benefit local students. Staples, which kicked off the drive with a \$125,000 donation in July, is accepting donations at all U.S. stores through Sept. 19.

“The teens who volunteered for our New York event are stellar role models and inspire peers – and all of us alike – to support our communities,” said Demos Parneros, president of U.S. stores at [Staples](#). “Teens throughout the nation still can donate supplies at any Staples store to help make someone’s school year successful.”

For tips and resources on how to run local school supply drives, go to www.dosomething101.org.

About DoSomething.org:

DoSomething.org believes teenagers have the power to make a difference. We leverage communications technologies to enable teens to convert their ideas and energy into positive action. We inspire, empower and celebrate a generation of doers: teenagers who recognize the need to do something, believe in their ability to get it done, and then take action. Plug in at www.dosomething.org.

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leading suppliers of office products to businesses and institutions. Staples invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and is headquartered outside Boston. More information about Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) is available at www.staples.com.

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