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MTI Participates in 2nd Annual Back-to-School Handout

The Farmworker Education and Services Program, in partnership with Tropicana Pepsico, supports migrant farmworker children (Bradenton, FL—September 23, 2009) Manatee Technical Institute’s Farmworker Education and Services

Program will team up with Tropicana Pepsico to distribute backpacks and other schools supplies to the children of migrant farmworkers. The event will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the Myakka migrant camps. Pizza, refreshments and educational entertainment will be provided for the families.

This event serves as a “Welcome Back” celebration for migrant families that are returning from working in the North. This year, Tropicana Pepsico raised money from employees and private donations to buy backpacks and school supplies for 150 children that live in the migrant camps. Last year, MTI and Tropicana Pepsico helped buy shoes for about 150 children going back to school.

“This event is such a great opportunity for the migrant community to celebrate. With the partnership of Tropicana Pepsico, we are thankful that these kids can go back to school with supplies. The Farmworker Education and Services Program is extremely excited about bringing our employees to the camps to meet families and hand out gifts to the children. The event is always a lot of fun,” says Nydia Otteni, Farmworker Education and Services Program Secretary.

The Farmworker Education and Services Program of Manatee County is a government organization that assists those who have worked or are currently employed in agriculture in the last two years. The Farmworker Education Program helps clients learn English, improve reading and math skills, learn a job skill, get a high school diploma, and become employed in a full time, year-round career.

For more information, please call the Farmworker Education and Services Program at 751-7947, or 751-7900 ext. 2165, or stop by the office on the MTI campus.

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