

## Supplies for Star Students

Leila Salmons, owner of Therapy Connections, inspired by her work with Landmark Education created an annual project that would make a difference for the children of the Star of Hope Emergency Shelter. On Saturday, October 11, 2008, local women delivered over \$12,000 dollars in monetary donations and over 250 backpacks for the Star of Hope Emergency Shelter.

Salmons enrolled her sisters in the project: Selina Stanford, Andrina Weatherly, and Maxine Ramirez. Together they created a goal to collect 100 back packs and \$10,000 dollars.

The final committee included Tiffany Whitely, Leigh Frillicci, and Zach Hunt. Together these local residents raised well beyond their initial expectations which also included urgent supplies for the children including under pants and socks.

Marilyn Fountain of the Star of Hope said, “With the losses of Hurricane Ike, this support could not have been better timed.”

The overall effort was a huge success and in no small part due to the willingness of the local community and young professionals to make a difference. For their efforts a special thanks to Let Us Play, Magpie’s Gifts, Amazon Café, Other Brother DJ Services, United Methodist Hospital, Bellaire Family Fun Run, Bellaire Buzz, Meyerland Office Max and National Oilwell Varco.