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**Mano a Mano Family Resource Center and B.E.S.T.,
Invites the Public to Back to School Festival**
2011 Festival set for July 24th, at Round Lake High School

Round Lake, IL: Have you made your plans to attend the Back to School Festival? The festival is a family fun event, focusing on preparing kids for the upcoming school year. Mano a Mano Family Resource Center and Round Lake Area B.E.S.T (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) will host a Back to School Festival, Sunday, July 24th. The event will take place at the Round Lake High School, located at 800 High School Drive in Round Lake Illinois. The event is scheduled from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

"We are grateful for our sponsors and health care providers which help make this event a success," said Carolina Duque, Executive Director of Mano a Mano Family Resource Center. "This community event attracts over 4,000 people each year, and we hope to increase the participation this year!"

In addition to the festival's fun activities such as games, raffles, food and music this year's festival will feature a Back to School Fair. Healthcare providers will conduct free health screenings, free school physicals and will provide free health education. Health care providers participating in the event include: Rosalind Franklyn University of Medicine and Science, Vanderweil Chiropractic, Smile Program- the Mobile Dentists, Family Service Northwestern Lake County, Lake County Physical Therapy LLC, Open Arms Clinic and Sears Optical. PLUS the Round Lake Area School District will have an on-site registration (usual fees apply) and back to school information.

A key to the success of the festival is the cost. Admission to the event is FREE! It's a great price for a day of family and fun! People from all over the surrounding Round Lake are welcome to participate. Please join them in support of the 2011 Back to School Festival.

Proceeds from this year's festival will help maintain Mano a Mano's programs. Examples include ESL and GED classes, Computer Instruction, Information and Referral Program, Employment Connection Program, Health Education Program, Homework Help, Child Care Programs and Community Empowerment Grants.

In addition, funds raised at the Festival will also fund B.E.S.T.'s Community Empowerment Grants. B.E.S.T. Community Empowerment Grants are designed as mini-grants for community groups, student groups, non-profit organizations, and/or individuals who have an activity, event, program, etc. that enriches the lives of youth, families, and/or the community

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