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BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES ANNOUNCES 2021 SCHOOL CLOTHES 4 KIDS PROGRAM

St. Clairsville, OH -- The Belmont County Commissioners and the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (BCDJFS) announced that they will once again be conducting a School Clothes 4 Kids TANF Program (SC4K). The program will be offered at the Ohio Valley Mall. Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF) funds will be available to serve children whose families are at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels.

“For the last five years, I have gone to the mall to observe the operations of the program and see the families and children it helps. Last year, I stood by JFS staff and helped them when families returned from shopping and personally experienced the appreciation our families and children have for the extra assistance,” Commission President Josh Meyer said. “The work that goes into making this program a success by our JFS staff is outstanding and a true labor of love.”

Commissioner Jerry Echemann says, “The commitment that the JFS staff dedicate to this program each year is commendable. They enjoy the extra work knowing it makes a real positive difference in a child’s life. The smiles on the kids’ faces and their excitement shows the value of this program.”

“I have witnessed the countless number of families and children this program has helped over the last four years and it is something that our residents are grateful for,” Commissioner J. P. Dutton said. “The appreciation of the children is remarkable and the dedication of the entire JFS staff to make this program the success that it has become is satisfying.”

The application process will be conducted strictly by mail or online this year. Applications may be printed from the Belmont County Job and Family Services website, www.BelmontCDJFS.com or obtained from the JFS office at 68145 Hammond Rd., St. Clairsville or the Ohio Means Jobs-Belmont County center at 302 Walnut St., Martins Ferry. Application instructions will be available on the website as well as with the paper applications. The previous thirty (30) days of gross household income is needed for the entire household. Households with children ages 5-18 are eligible for this program. Pre-school or pre-kindergarten aged children are not eligible. Income standards will be posted on the website. All needed verifications are to be returned with the application to expedite the eligibility determination. Applicants will be notified of their eligibility via mail. All eligible families will be assigned a shopping day and time at the Ohio Valley Mall. **The deadline to apply is 4:30 PM on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.** You may submit applications in the drop box located at the St. Clairsville JFS office, return them to the Ohio Means Jobs Center in Martins Ferry, or by US Mail to: BCDJFS, Attn: SC4K, 68145 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville OH 43950.