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**ALDERMAN MILLY SANTIAGO AND NEWLIFE COVENANT CHURCH PARTNER  
FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR**

*Hundreds of families and children from the 31<sup>st</sup> Ward and surrounding communities are expected to participate in preparation for the school year.*

**CHICAGO** – Today, Alderman Milly Santiago is proud to announce a partnership with Newlife Covenant Church to bring the Hopefest Back-to-School Fair to the 31<sup>st</sup> Ward. Residents will be able to take advantage of **free** backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, and much, much more! Alderman Santiago is a firm supporter of education for our children and giving them the proper tools to prepare them for another successful school year.

“I am truly excited about this huge event we will be having in partnership with Pastor Joshua Ponce and Newlife. It has been my goal year after year to get together with organizations and partners from around the 31<sup>st</sup> Ward to form a successful Back-to-School fair for our families and children,” said Alderman Santiago. “We need to show love and motivate our children so that they may continue working hard and striving for excellence.”

“I want to thank Alderman Santiago for her continued support and her interest in partnering with Newlife for this event,” said Pastor Joshua Ponce, “When elected officials, community organizations, and local congregations work together, our efforts for public service strengthens our impact on the community and our children.”

31<sup>st</sup> Ward residents and caretakers are extremely encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to receive free services, goods, and entertainment for our youth. We would like to thank Cermak Fresh Market, Foremost, Tampico, Primrose Candy, and Capelli Academy for their donations, and to the Northwest Side Housing Center for bringing PlayStreets to this event.

**The Hopefest Back-to-School Fair will take place today, Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Newlife Covenant Church Northwest Campus located at 5100 W. Diversey Ave., from 10am until 2pm. Alderman Santiago will be present for interviews and comments.**

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