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#### OLIVE GARDEN SPAGHETTI DINNER HELPS FUND STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

East Aurora High School is working with Communities in Schools of Aurora and the Olive Garden restaurants of Oswego and Naperville to sponsor a full Olive Garden spaghetti dinner with meatballs, salad, and their warm, delicious breadsticks. Theresa Shoemaker, Executive Director for CIS stated "all proceeds for this dinner will go to fund needed school supplies for the Project Unity and Communities In Schools Back-To-School Fair". The fair provides low income children free school supplies, backpacks, physicals, immunizations, dental screenings and community resources. It is estimated that over 4,000 children will benefit from our upcoming fair this summer with a cost of nearly \$72,500.

A very special thanks goes out to our Premier sponsor Marshall Darwish, Director of Operations for Olive Garden, Jessica Anderson, General Manager of the Oswego Olive Garden, and Chuck Cortese, General Manager of the Naperville Olive Garden, and the Olive Garden employees who prepare the meal and help serve our guests.

Come join us on Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 5:00-7:00 PM at East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane, Aurora, IL 60505. Enter through Door #1 (North Side of building). Dinner is \$10.00 each adult, and children 12 and under for \$5.00. Our guests can purchase a ticket at the event with cash, a check, or with a credit card. We will also feature take-out dinners for our guests who want to take their meal home.

Communities In Schools is a registered nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization located in the Fred Rodgers Community Center, Aurora and partners with East Aurora School District #131, West Aurora School District #129, Indian Prairie School District #204, and Oswego School District #308 to deliver daytime and afterschool programs, and summer camps to children. It is the mission of Communities In Schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Thank you for visiting us at [www.cisaurora.org](http://www.cisaurora.org) to learn more about how you can help support local school children.

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If you would like more information about this event, or about Communities In Schools of Aurora please call Paul Klinger at 630.256.4504 or email Paul at [pklinger@cisaurora.org](mailto:Pklinger@cisaurora.org).