



**What Center for Youth Is-** A provider of services that public schools cannot for grades K-6 at the Ramon Betances and Maria Sanchez Elementary Schools in Hartford: after-school one-to-one tutoring, a homework review lab, cultural enrichment through arts education classes and music and dance classes.

**What It Does-** Improves children's academic performance; builds self esteem; helps prepare them for life in an interdependent global society; incorporates resources from local and visiting artists and the local business and volunteer community; and strengthens connection of children, families, and community.

**Why A Backpack Program-** It helps ensure kids get a meal when they're not in school on weekends and vacations. Kids take home on Friday a backpack filled with kid-friendly and easy-to-prepare hot meals, juice box drinks, fruit bars and other non-perishable, nutritional snacks. The empty backpack returns with the child the following week to be re-filled. *You can help by giving a \$ donation to FPC's Minute for Mission on January 3.*

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