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## Agencies offer free school supplies, haircuts before students return to class this month

Several entities are helping students get ready for school

By Chloe Moores Tulsa World Aug 6, 2017 5





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## Correction

This story and two photo captions had incorrect dates for Restore Hope Ministries' event. The story and captions have been corrected.

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After what started with a simple act of kindness, a Tulsa nonprofit is embarking on its 27th year of giving families school supplies.

In 1990, a woman brought a \$300 check to Restore Hope Ministries to help provide school supplies to Tulsa children. This year, the nonprofit has raised \$30,000 for its [back-to-school program](#).

Restore Hope gave school supplies to 2,809 kids from pre-K to 12th grade last year.

“If you come the last day, you will receive the same great box the first-day person received,” Executive Director Jeff Jaynes said. “It always works out.”

The pre-packaged boxes Restore Hope gives out includes all the supplies Tulsa teachers ask students to have before the school year. Every child receives a box with \$50 worth of supplies and a backpack.

To receive supplies at Restore Hope, a parent or guardian must bring their driver's license, their Social Security card, their child's Social Security card and proof of their child's birthdate.

Jaynes said giving a child something as simple as a backpack can help tear down the wall of poverty bit by bit.

“I know education is the No. 1 factor to getting out of poverty,” Jaynes said. “To see the smile on kids’ faces — it makes counting 11,000 pencils worth it.”

Many other organizations will provide free school supplies, haircuts, immunizations and various health-care services before [schools open this month](#).

## Free school supplies and more

### Back to School Expo at Expo Square

4145 E. 21st St., 918-523-2067

**When:** 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday.

**What:** Free school supplies and backpacks for the first 3,000 kids to attend. Free haircuts and entertainment will also be available.

### Boys, Books, Barbers & Backpacks Barber Cut-Off

Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood Ave., 918-596-1020

**When:** 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 13.

**What:** Free haircuts, backpack, school supplies, refreshments and a book for boys from kindergarten to eighth grade. Attendees are required to [register](#) online or at the Greenwood Cultural Center from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 12.

### Restore Hope Ministries

2960 Charles Page Blvd., 918-582-5766

**When:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 7-10.

**What:** A free box of school supplies and a backpack

### **Broken Arrow Neighbors**

315 W. College St., Broken Arrow, 918-251-7781

**When:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday from Aug. 7-17.

**What:** Free school supplies for children who qualify. Eligible families must provide proof of address, proof of income, identification for all adults in the household, birth certificates and immunization records for their children.

### **Sand Springs Community Service**

114 W. Fourth St., Sand Springs, 918-245-5183

**When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Aug. 14 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug 15-16.

**What:** Box of school supplies, backpack and \$25 voucher to Walmart. Kids must bring proof of enrollment in a Sand Springs school and free lunch program to qualify.



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### **Back-to-school Community Resource Fair**

Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road, 918-549-7590

**When:** 9-11 a.m. Aug. 15.

**What:** Free school supplies for first 200 school-age children, free immunizations, dental screenings, eye screenings and information on reading and homework help.

### **The Christian Ministers Alliance annual Back-to-School Bash**

Tulsa Technology Center, 3420 S. Memorial Drive, 918-828-5000

**When:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 19.

**What:** Free school supplies and food for Tulsa school children from kindergarten to 12th grade.

### **Free haircuts**

**Clary Sage College**

3131 S. Sheridan Road, 918-298-8200

**When:** 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 7-8.

**What:** All school-age children from preschool through college, first-come, first-served (the college gets busier in the evening).

### Tulsa Tech Peoria Campus

3850 N. Peoria Ave., 918-828-5000

**When:** Noon-4 p.m. Aug. 20.

**What:** All school-age children, first-come, first-served. Free entertainment and door prizes also available.



### Scene Writer Chloe Moores

Chloe writes features and concert reviews for the Tulsa World.



## (5) comments



**t little1960** Aug 6, 2017 12:29am

Bravo!

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**Jan Kowalski** Aug 6, 2017 9:49am

Awesome! God bless the Restore Hope group and all those who donated.

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**Bert McGee** Aug 6, 2017 8:02pm

That means like everything else liberals touch, it's not free

**Michael Rush** Aug 7, 2017 9:37am

Wow, things get solved privately without raising taxes and no gov. involvement.

**jeff jaynes** Aug 6, 2017 1:22pm

Just a note that the dates on the Restore Hope distribution are incorrect. We will be distributing supplies from Aug 7-Aug 10.

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