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Every cosmetology and barber student at the nonprofit career college was already working on a child's hair, and more families were waiting in a row of seats set up in the lobby.

> Monday was the start of the college's eighth annual free Cuts for Kids event, now a backto-school tradition.

"This is one of my favorite events," said

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Sage College in Tulsa on Monday. The cosmetology school is offering free haircuts for

James Dougherty (seated), 12, gets a back-to-

school haircut from Tre'Ante Coleman at Clary

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Pam Martin, a master instructor at the school and Cosmetology Department head.

"I love making the kids happy," she said.

Martin said the college's students also enjoy the event because they are able to give children a cut that will make them feel special as they go back to school.

"It's a win-win-win," she said.

Clary Sage is among a number of organizations offering free back-to-school services in the weeks leading up to the start of the academic year.

Martin said the cuts are a way for the college to give back to the community.

"Most people coming in have multiple children," she said.

Saving about \$15 on each cut means that parents can use that money for uniforms, supplies or food, Martin said.

Jennifer Ruhland brought her 14-year-old daughter for a haircut Monday morning.

She said they were headed out to get slushies when they saw the sign outside the college advertising the event.

"It's awesome," Ruhland said of the service. She said as a single mother of two, with one more on the way, it's hard to squeeze haircuts into a budget.

Kristy Stolz and her 6-year-old daughter were also at Clary Sage on Monday. Stolz, who is a pre-K teacher at Tulsa Public Schools, said the free cuts are a great service to the community.

"I work with a lot of kiddos that are underprivileged," she said. "It feels good that they can come make use of this."

The school, at 3131 S. Sheridan Road, will continue offering the free cuts on Tuesday

and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Martin said the wait is usually no longer than 15 minutes.

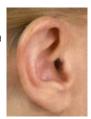
Also on Monday, families were dropping by Restore Hope Ministries, 2960 Charles Page



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Restore Hope has been giving out free supplies for about three decades. It began distributing supplies last week and will continue to do so from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. through Thursday.

The Rev. Jeff Jaynes, executive director of Restore Hope, said the organization helps about 2,500 students each year. This year, in addition to supplies, Restore Hope is also providing free backpacks and free books to kindergarten students.

Jaynes said although it's mainly students and families who benefit from the service, "it's also helping teachers."

"Because when (teachers) have a student that doesn't have supplies, they make it happen," he said. Providing supplies to students who might not otherwise have them means teachers can spend less of their own money helping out students, he said.

The program is open to pre-K through 12th-grade students attending a public school in Tulsa County. To be eligible for assistance, parents or guardians must bring a photo ID and Social Security card for themselves, as well as Social Security cards and proof of birth dates for their children.

Below are several other events that will offer free school supplies, free haircuts and other back-to-school services in the next few weeks:

Broken Arrow Neighbors

315 W. College St.

Broken Arrow students who qualify will receive free school supplies. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays until Aug. 18. Those who work during the morning can pick up supplies from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday or Thursday, if they provide a pay stub. Eligible families must provide proof of address, current proof of income, identification for all adults in the household and birth certificates for children. For more information, call 918-251-7781.

The Back to School Expo

Expo Square, 4145 E. 21st St.

Hosted by Cox Communications and Fox 23, the event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Free backpacks and school supplies will be given to the first 3,000 students. Free haircuts and free and low-cost immunizations will also be provided. More than 75 exhibitors will also be at the expo showcasing other back-to-school items and services. For more information, call 918-493-8531.

Hutcherson Family YMCA

1120 E. Pine St.

The Gary Davis Law Group and Vision in Progress Inc. will give out free backpacks and school supplies at noon Saturday to the first 100 students. The students must be present to receive the supplies.

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Sand Springs students who qualify will receive a backpack, school supplies and a \$25 Wal-Mart voucher to be used for children's clothing or shoes. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 15 and Aug. 17; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Aug. 16. Eligible families must provide proof of enrollment, proof of address, Social Security cards for each member of the household, and proof that students were part of the free lunch program the previous year. For more information, call 918-245-5183.

Martin Regional Library

2601 S. Garnett Road

The Back-to-School Community Resource Fair will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 18 and will provide free supplies to the first 200 Tulsa County students. Free immunizations, free dental and vision screenings and haircut coupons will also be available. More than 35 organizations will be at the event offering other back-to-school services and resources. The event is held by a partnership between the Tulsa City-County Library and the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations.

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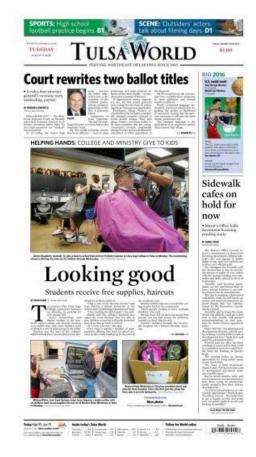
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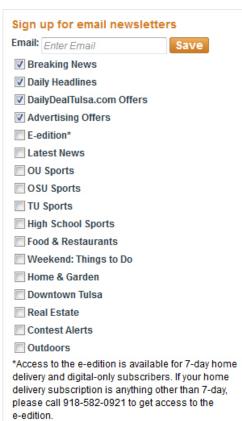
The Christian Ministers Alliance will hold its annual Back to School Bash from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 20. The event, also sponsored by the NAACP's Tulsa chapter, will give school supplies and food to needy students who attend 60 public schools. Appointments will be available for free haircuts from noon to 4 p.m. the following day. For more information, call the Rev. W.R. Casey at 918-951-7407.

Tulsa Dream Center

200 W. 46th St. North

Free backpacks, school supplies and haircuts will be offered on Aug. 21. Food and entertainment will be part of the program, which will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for girls and noon to 3 p.m. for boys. Eligible students are those enrolled in elementary and middle





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