

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Redlands Boys & Girls holds school-supply drive, here's how you can donate



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside is holding a school supply drive. STAFF FILE PHOTO

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REDLANDS -- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside want to outfit children in need with backpacks and school supplies.

The nonprofit announced this week its back-to-school drive to collect new backpacks, pens, pencils and other school-supplies.

“With many families struggling and many of our students enrolled in the free and reduced meal programs, many parents are unable to provide the basic school supplies their children need to be effective,” said Mark Davis, BGC’s vice president. “For the Club, a school supply drive is an easy way to have a profound impact on students and their learning experience.”

Donations can be dropped off at three Gap locations through July 31:

- 27461 San Bernardino Ave., Redlands
- 1 Mills Circle, Ontario
- 12558 Main St., Rancho Cucamonga

Other locations collecting supplies through Aug. 11:

- Redlands City Hall, 35 Cajon St.
- Redlands Community and Community Senior Center, 111 W. Lugonia Ave.
- Boys & Girls Clubs Hansberger Clubhouse, 1251 Clay St. through Aug. 11.

Those who drop off donations at Gap will receive 10 percent off their purchase, according to a news release.

Supplies collected will be given directly to BGC members before the 2017-18 school year and used for other club needs, said Joy Judes, BGC’s development director of grants and campaigns.

For non-BGC members, those behind the annual Back2School Jam are gearing up to pass out hundreds of backpacks filled with supplies on Aug. 5 at Sylvan Park, 601 N. University St.

Backpacks will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8 a.m.

The event is a collaboration between several community partners, including the Redlands Police Department, Trinity Church, Citizen’s Church and the city of Redlands.

Representatives from participating organizations will attend.

“Over the years, the Back2School Jam has enabled officers from the Redlands Police Department to positively interact with youth while at the same time provide them with the necessities to succeed in school,” said Redlands police Lt. Travis Martinez.

Additional highlights include drawings for free bikes, music, food, games and prizes. Admission is free.