

Redlands children check items off back-to-school shopping lists



Brad Barling, 10, shops with volunteer Ray Lozano, of Redlands Elk Lodge 583, during a Boys & Girls Club back-to-school \$100 shopping spree at Kohl's in Redlands, Calif. on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017. Local nonprofits and community leaders escorted 122 Boys & Girls Club members around Kohl's to help pick out clothes and accessories for the new school year. (Photo by Rachel Luna, The Sun/SCNG)

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Janila Gordon, 11, shops with volunteer Gwendolyn Nelson, of Kiwanis Club of San Bernardino, during a Boys & Girls Club back-to-school \$100 shopping spree at Kohl's in Redlands, Calif. on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017. Local nonprofits and community leaders escorted 122 Boys & Girls Club members around Kohl's to help pick out clothes and accessories for the new school year. Photo by Rachel Luna, The Sun/SCNG

REDLANDS -- Around 120 children checked “back-to-school shopping” off their to-do list Saturday thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Redlands.

The nonprofit partnered with Kohl's and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside to host a shopping spree for area children in need.

“The shopping spree contributes to our goal of preparing our kids for academic success,” said P.T. McEwen, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs. “We're grateful to all the organizations in our community that make it possible.”

Each child attending Saturday's spree — held at the Kohl's at Citrus Plaza shopping center — were given \$100 to spend on whatever clothing and accessories they needed. Kohl's applied all discounts available to make sure each child got the most for their money.

Volunteers from both Kiwanis, Kohl's and other participating organizations assisted in a child's shopping needs.