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Denton Back to School Fair

Denton Area Organizations Work Together to Host a Back to School Fair

DENTON, TX, June 12, 2018 – Denton area community organizations and nonprofits have collaborated to host the Denton Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Denton Bible Church. The goal of the event is to serve families with school supplies, backpacks, health education resources, and so much more. The Denton Back to School Fair anticipates serving close to 3,500 children.

"I am proud of the hard work of our community groups and nonprofits, who have come together to provide support to families in Denton," said Mayor Chris Watts. "This fair will provide muchneeded supplies and resources to many families throughout Denton."

In the Denton Independent School District alone, there are over 12,000 students, or 44% of the student population, that are eligible for free and reduced lunch, which means their household income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. The Back to School Fair event is designed to help local families, so students can walk into their first day of school with a new backpack and school supplies and parents have access to the resources they need for their children to have a healthy start to the school year.

Community support is vital and necessary for this event to serve the number of children that truly need these resources. The nonprofit organizations are seeking contributions from area businesses, community leaders, and individual donors to serve these children. Every \$20 donated will provide a backpack and school supplies for one student. Donations can be made through the Denton Back to School Fair website at <u>www.dentonbacktoschool.org</u>.

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Event Details

- Location: Denton Bible Church, 2300 E University Drive
- Date: Saturday, August 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Registration: Parents are asked to register their children through the website at <u>www.dentonbacktoschool.org</u>. A registration form must be submitted for each child.

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The event is a collaborative effort between a large team of local organizations including the City of Denton and Denton Police Department, Denton Bible Church, Denton Hi-Noon Lions Club, Health Services of North Texas, Interfaith Ministries, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Serve Denton, and United Way of Denton County.