

Supply a student in need with the tools for success

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Customers visiting Walmart Saturday, July 21, will have the opportunity to put a few extra items in their basket and make a difference in the life of a student in need.

Owasso Community Resources, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving families experiencing financial crisis, will hold its annual school supply drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Walmart on East 96th Street North.

The drive, held since 2005, is one of many services provided by the organization, which also offers a year-round food assistance program, counseling programs and more. The service provides aid to about 500 students each year and is specific to Owasso.

"There are similar programs in other areas," Nadia Guevara, executive director of OCR, said. "We want to focus on Owasso students."

For families seeking to benefit from the drive, registra-



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Recipients of last year's drive prepare to receive their items.

tion will be held Thursday, Aug. 2, during the Touch a Truck event being held at both the East 76th Street North and SH 20 McDonald's locations.

Parents of qualifying students can stop by either location from 3-7 p.m. to register their children to receive free school supplies. This is a one-day-only event, with supplies being distributed the next week.

"We're really encouraging people to call us or come out to either of the two locations. We want to do a one-

day registration, so it's really important to come out and get it taken care of that day," Guevara said.

Registration requires proof of enrollment in Owasso Public Schools which Guevara said can include a report card, student ID or any other document stating the student attends a school in the district.

Parents also will have to provide proof of income such as a pay stub or letter of employment or unemployment.

"Our programs are based



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Families peruse tables of donated items to collect supplies needed for the upcoming school year.

on the federal poverty guidelines," Guevara said. To qualify, families' incomes will need to be at 175 percent of poverty according to those guidelines.

Volunteers from LifeChurch.tv are spearheading the Walmart drive for the organization and

will be on hand to collect all items purchased for donation at the store this Saturday.

School supplies are needed for pre-k through 12th grade students, and while all items on the school supply list are accepted Guevara noted an increased need for plastic

folders, pens, pencils and three ring binders.

If someone is not able to make it out to Walmart Saturday, but would still like to donate, they can bring supplies by the OCR office, 109 N. Birch, Ste. 109. Donations will be accepted through Aug. 6.



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