

## Area residents can take part in Back to School giveaway

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With the beginning of the school year fast approaching, area parents are again facing the high cost of clothing their children for school. To help the residents of Clark, Floyd, Scott and Washington counties with part of the costs, The Salvation Army will be giving away clothing at their thrift store located at 528 Little League Blvd. in Clarksville.

The giveaway will be held on Wednesday, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Crawford and Harrison County Residents are to go to the Corydon Thrift Store located on Highway 62 on Wednesday, July 16 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The giveaway, now in its 23rd year, is a program undertaken by the local corps of The Salvation Army in an effort to overcome the high cost of sending children back-to-school.

Any child or adult residing in Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington Counties, who is enrolled in school is eligible to participate and receive 8 articles of clothing without cost. Participants only need to bring verification of school enrollment, or birth certificate and proof of address.

The back-to-school giveaway program has met a tremendous need in our area. Last year 1,297 students were helped with clothing and 400 students received school supplies.

Persons desiring to donate merchandise should bring items to either the The Thrift Store at either 2002 Grantline Road in New Albany or the store in Clarksville on Little League Blvd. Donations are also accepted at the Corydon location.

The thrift stores operated by The Salvation Army are supported totally from donations of merchandise from the community.

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The donated merchandise is sold during normal store hours and the proceeds realized are used to support the Army's community services. In addition to the merchandise, the Army uses the thrift stores as a source for supplying clothing and household goods without cost to families in need.