

Back to School clothing giveaways

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With the beginning of school fast approaching, area parents are again facing the high cost of clothing their children at school. To help the residents Clark, Floyd, Scott and Washington with part of the cost, the Salvation Army will be giving away clothing at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, located at 528 Little League Boulevard in Clarksville. The giveaway will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 from 8 am to 8 pm.

Crawford and Harrison County residents are invited to go to the Corydon Thrift Store, located at 101 W. Highway 62, on Wednesday, July 17, from 10 am to 8 pm.

Now in its 23rd year, the giveaway 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 1176 students were helped with clothing and 400 students received school supplies.

Persons desiring to donate merchandise should bring items to the Thrift Store, 2002 Grant Line Road in New Albany, or Clarksville or Corydon stores. The Thrift stores are operated by the Salvation Army and supported totally from donation of merchandise from the community.

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