

When and where Easton area kids can get free back-to-school supplies and haircuts

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Jordan Moore, 7, gets a fresh haircut for back to school from student barber Jerrell Yarbrough, of the La Barberia Institute of Hair, Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, in Cleveland. Lisa DeJong/The Plain Dealer

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Easton Area School District students can get new back-to-school supplies and haircuts, at no charge, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 19 at Third Street Alliance, 41 N. Third St. in Easton.

The grassroots effort organized by Downtown Easton salon owner [Stephen Flowers](#) is in its third year, and drew about 400 students last year. It's open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We focus on Easton but we don't turn anybody away," said Flowers, owner of Suddenly Samantha on Northampton Street. "When we're out of supplies, we're out of supplies, unfortunately."

Flowers calls the initiative No Child Left Behind and says there will be special guests at this year's giveaway, including Lehigh Valley Phantoms mascot MeLvin, assistance dogs and the Nurture Nature Center offering crafts for participating students.

There is no need for students to register in advance.

Flowers says he's not alone in organizing the effort.

“As much as I would like to take credit for this event, I cannot,” he posted in a comment on Facebook. “Initially I did come up with the idea and concept but I really need to give credit to Third Street Alliance for Women & Children, Lynn Ondrusek Schoof, Rebecca Altmann, Linda Rose, Lisa Patino and countless other for making this possible for all the kids in our community.”

As of earlier this month, Flowers had 12 barbers lined up to help with haircuts and was looking for additional hairdressers.

Donations are still sought of, in particular, new backpacks, pencil cases, glue sticks, markers and folders, in addition to notebooks, binders, No. 2 pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, erasers, rulers, hand sanitizer and tissues.

The new school supplies may be dropped off at:

- Third Street Alliance for Women & Children, 41 N. Third St., Easton.
- Nurture Nature Center, 518 Northampton St., Easton.
- Antonio's Pizzeria and Restaurant, 114 S. Third St., Easton.
- Merchants Bank, Centre Square, Easton.
- Common Space, 154 Northampton St., Easton.
- Genesis Bicycles, 126 Bushkill St., Easton.
- Gentlemen's Barbershop, 26 N. Fourth St., Easton.
- YMCA Of Easton, Phillipsburg and Vicinity, 1225 W. Lafayette St., Easton, or the Forks Education Center, 1350 Sullivan Trail, Forks Township.
- Sen. Lisa Boscola's Easton area office, 243 S. 17th St., Wilson Borough.
- Bangor Trust Brewing, 15 Broadway, Bangor.
- Clover Boutique & Co., 1160 Main St., Hellertown.

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