

# Free student backpack giveaway at local Verizon store July 30

Deserving young students in Florence will soon benefit from a national backpack giveaway campaign.

TCC, the largest Verizon Authorized Retailer in the U.S., has announced A Wireless is partnering with the company and its Culture of Good to donate 235,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children through TCC's annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway.

Since 2013, TCC has donated more than 360,000 backpacks filled with supplies to ensure children are well prepared for the start of the school year.

"Every year, TCC employ-

ees and communities around the country look forward to the backpack giveaway," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of TCC. "It brings our employees immense joy to give back to the young children in their communities, and we are proud to put so many smiles on the faces of the deserving families who have made this annual event such a success."

More than 1,300 participating TCC and A Wireless stores across the U.S. are inviting local families and their children to visit select locations on Saturday, July 30, between noon and 3 p.m., to pick up a backpack filled with various

school supplies, including pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders and glue. One backpack per child present will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

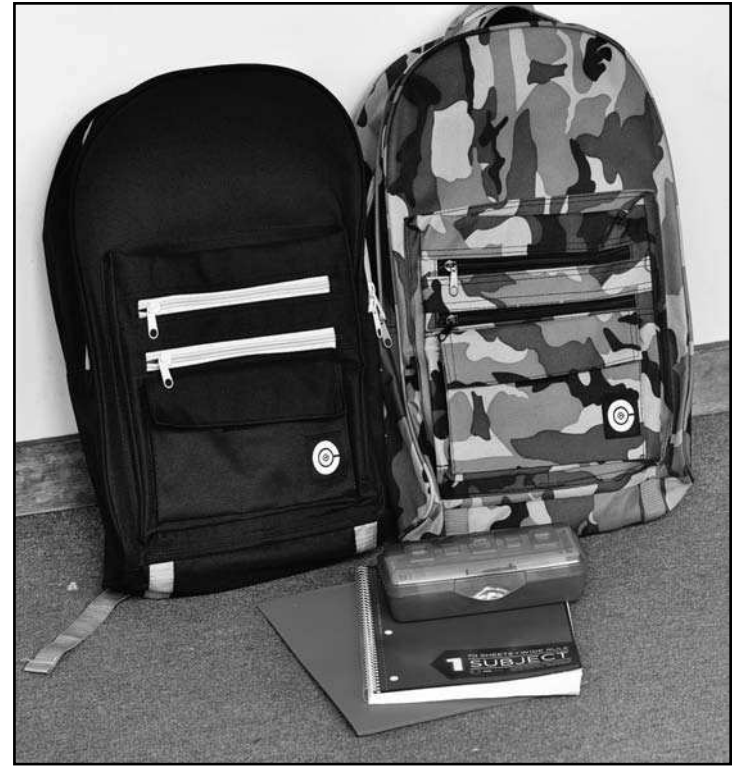
The participating TCC store in Florence is at 2775 Highway 101, Suite D. Each participating TCC store will donate 250 backpacks and each A Wireless store will donate 125 backpacks. All leftover backpacks will be donated to local schools.

"When given the opportunity, doing good is important, and taking such opportunities to help lift up and encourage oth-

ers is a privilege," said Bryan Bevin, president and CEO. "At A Wireless, we don't just want to be doers of good, we want to inspire a Culture of Good."

In 2015, the National Retail Federation predicted the average person with children in grades K-12 would spend \$97.74 on school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and backpacks. With more than 16 million children in the U.S. living in poverty, TCC is working to alleviate the rising costs of school supplies through this annual program.

To learn more about TCC, visit [www.tccrocks.com](http://www.tccrocks.com).



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More than 300 backpacks like these will be part of the Florence Verizon store free backpack giveaway July 30.

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What is your favorite summer meal?



"My mom's chicken tamales."  
—ABRAHAM, SIXTH GRADE



"Strawberries and watermelon, mostly fruit."  
—JASMINE, SEVENTH GRADE



"Probably watermelon with barbequed ribs and chicken with potato salad."  
—ETHAN, SEVENTH GRADE

Interviews took place at the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County Teen Center

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# GIVING BACK

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



**JANET SNOW**  
Volunteer Coordinator,  
The Salvation Army - Western Lane County  
&  
**GERALDINE LUCIO**  
Owner, Old Town Barbershop

In the summer of 2015, Janet Snow moved to Florence from Fresno, CA. She began working for Shorewood Retirement and Elderberry Square. Residents fell in love with her. During the Senior Fair at the Florence Event Center she asked why Florence did not have a Red Kettle Campaign for The Salvation Army. The answer, "No one has led the effort." She volunteered and within two months had over 50 volunteers to stand at the Kettles in six locations in Western Lane County.

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When pressed of a goal at an organizational gathering the group decided on \$10,000 - far above the national average for an area this size. The result was nearly \$17,000 - two and a half times the national average! Snow says, "It was a God Thing to send us such great volunteers!" One of the key volunteers is Geraldine Lucio, owner of Old Town Barbershop on Bay Street. Geraldine took her Red Kettle to civic groups and other organizations to promote the campaign, as well as to her Old Town business associates.



Both Snow and Lucio were both nominated for the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce 2015 First Citizen Award. In January, an anonymous Florence area donor matched the campaign total so that \$34,000 is the total - nearly five times the national average per capita!

Janet and Geraldine will be looking again for new volunteers to join the others who will return, including the Mayor Joe Henry and his wife. Visit Geraldine at The Old Town Barbershop to offer your name and to be invited to organizational gatherings this fall. Or, write Janet Snow of The Salvation Army, PO Box 1941, Florence, OR 97439. Send your early Christmas gift to The Salvation Army now!

Submitted by Bill Olson

## Mainly Piano House concert to benefit OCHS

Pianist and composer Dan Chadburn, along with singer and songwriter Tom Nichols, will be making their third appearance at Kathy Parsons' "Mainly Piano House Concert Series" as a benefit for the Oregon Coast Humane Society, Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m.

The duo's concerts are relaxed and informal. These accomplished and talented musicians, composers and songwriters delight audiences with piano and acoustical guitar original music.

For a sample of their style

of music, visit the websites at [www.themusicoftomnicholls.com/index](http://www.themusicoftomnicholls.com/index) and [www.dan.chadburn.com/music](http://www.dan.chadburn.com/music).

Seating is limited and reservations are required by emailing Kathy Parsons at [KathyPiano@gmail.com](mailto:KathyPiano@gmail.com), or calling 541-999-9720.

Address and directions will be given after reservations are made.

The suggested donation of \$15 will be collected at the door and donated to the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

## Free dental clinic comes 'From the Heart' in August

For 30 years, From The Heart Dentistry, a nonprofit subsidiary of Korando Dental Group, has changed lives through free dental care for those who need it most, but who just can't afford it.

This year's event takes

place Thursday, Aug. 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Korando Dental Clinic, 1705 22nd St. in Florence.

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