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Ferguson Unity Weekend is a big hit for the community



(Ferguson, MO) – The City of Ferguson partnered with several organizations and local businesses to organize the Ferguson Unity Weekend. The two-day event closed on Sunday, August 9th, with a back to school fair.

The fair attracted more than 750 residents and provided free school supplies and backpacks to Ferguson and surrounding area’s youth. The event was hosted at Ferguson’s newly renovated Community Center and a free shuttle service was provided to families that ran for the entire length of the event.

More than 600 backpacks full of essential supplies were donated by generous sponsors.

“This is what we wanted to do as a city council,” said Councilwoman Ella Jones. “We worked together to make this an amazing event for Ferguson residents.”

Participating organizations included Harris-Stowe State University, Legal Services of East Missouri, Curly for Girls and many more. Each organization offered insight of their services and encouraged youth and families to get involved with what their organization had to offer.

City officials and state government personnel spoke to the attendees of the event and were adamant that the hard work of the city’s residents and officials would bring Ferguson to a better place.

The event was just on time for many parents as they prepare to send their children back to school.

“Events like this bring us together and its fun for the families and kids,” said Merrilee Nadeau, a Ferguson resident.

Nadeau has lived in Ferguson for 15 years and has three children ages 2, 5 and 6 that all got new backpacks for the school year.

Duane Ford, a single father from the St. Louis County area, said events like the back to school celebration brings the community together to aide those in need.

“It’s going to help us socioeconomically while empowering our kids and families,” said Ford when asked if he enjoyed the event. “This event keeps hope alive and makes the world a better place.”

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