

Stamford Police Association to give away backpacks

Staff report

The Stamford Police Association and The Salvation Army will host its annual Backpack Party for children 16 and under from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 22 at police headquarters, 805 Bedford St.



Salima Shafi, 11, left, helps her sister, Rahima, 7, as they choose backpacks during last year's annual giveaway at the Stamford Police Department. Photo: Lindsay Perry / Hearst Connecticut Media

The event includes a barbecue where volunteers from the SPA and The Salvation Army will serve free hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and soda to children and their parents. One bag will be given to each child present, as long as supplies last.

“All kids deserve to have the proper materials necessary to succeed in school, regardless of their family’s financial situation,” said Officer Jerry Junes, the association’s event organizer.

Nearly 3,000 backpacks have been given to Stamford schoolchildren since the start of the annual event, which is being funded by First County Bank. The police union hopes to give away another 500 backpacks this year.

To receive a backpack, every child must complete an application and receive a ticket. Tickets are available at police headquarters and The Salvation Army, 198 Selleck St. For more information, contact Junes at 203-817-4065.

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