

Back to School Event Sponsored by Partners Advocating Student Success

Greensboro, NC – Children living in Claremont Courts public housing community were given the chance to be prepared for the first day of the new school year by attending a special event in their community. Free haircuts and hotdogs, getting to learn bus safety from a talking school bus, coloring books, pencils and safety information were just a few of the highlights of the Back to School day. The Greensboro Housing Authority hosted the event which included Partners Advocating Student Success representatives from Greensboro Police Department, Eastern Division Community Resource Team, Greensboro Public Library, Diamond Cuts, Motivations Barbershop, Guilford County Department of Social Services, Guilford County Schools, Greater Gifts Ministries, Greensboro Department of Transportation, The Hair Design School, School Resource Officers, Police Neighborhood Resource Centers, Safe Guilford, Greensboro Fire Department, Girls Scouts of America, Prestige Barber College, Guilford County Crime Stoppers, and Greensboro Child Response Initiative.



Keeping kids safe was the target of many of the agencies in attendance. Crime Stoppers wanted to get the message out to middle school and high school students that they can now text information about crimes and stay completely anonymous by texting to 274639 and including Bad Boyz at the beginning of the text. Guilford Child Response Initiative, which began as a pilot program about four years ago, works to address the needs of children exposed to violence. “We are here to let families know that we are available to help young people and families who witness or are victims of violence,” stated the program’s representative. Guilford County Schools brought out the talking school bus which entertained the kids while also teaching them about bus safety.



Prestige Barber College, Diamond Cuts, The Hair Design School, and Motivations Barber Shop gave free haircuts to any takers as they helped the children look their best for the first day of school. “This is our second year giving out haircuts and I wouldn’t miss it,” said a barber from Motivations as he cut the hair of a kindergarten student.

“The kids really enjoyed it and learned a lot about bike safety,” said Tymae Sallah, mother of three daughters and a Claremont Courts resident, “I am glad we came.”