

## TUCSON AREA COORDINATION OFFICE

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Dear Friend,

On Saturday, July 15, 2017, The Salvation Army will team up with JCPenney El Con Mall to host *Back To School Child Spree*, a highly anticipated, annual, back-to-school shopping program for disadvantaged children in Tucson.

This year's event will host 125 less-fortunate children, ranging from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Each child will receive a \$100 gift card for new clothing and shoes at JCPenney as well as a new backpack filled with goodies and school supplies. Select community volunteers, social service organizations, and others donate their time to escort the children and help them with good buying decisions.

As a valuable Salvation Army friend, we'd like to invite you to join us as a volunteer escort at *Back To School Child Spree*. Would you and some of your friends enjoy shopping with a needy child on this special day? It is through partnership with generous people like you that we are able to continue meeting the needs of our community. With the help of private donations, we are able to raise monies to put on programs like this, but this event truly enables you to assist "hand in hand" with the children we help.

There is no greater sight than to see the joy on a child's face as he/she shops for a much-needed pair of shoes, pants, or dress. Many of this program's youth have also never had new clothing or school supplies, so this is a special and memorable treat for them. This rewarding event also helps to build self-confidence for these children, and gets their school year off to a positive start.

As Volunteer Escorts, you will not only be helping to contribute to these children's sense of self- worth but also offer friendship and guidance to help get them off on the right foot.

AS A VOLUNTEER ESCORT ....

You will be needed at the JCPenney El Con Mall Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, from approximately 6:30am – 10:00am. You and another non-related adult will be assigned with a child and provided a \$100 shopping budget.

For only a few hours of your time you can build a positive lifetime experience for a child!

Volunteer Escort positions are limited, please complete and return the volunteer application, Back To School Child Spree Safety Protocol, and a **copy of your driver's license** as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Dawn Rocheleau, Major

Director of Special Services



**Mission:** To assist children/parents in need by supplying a pre-approved child \$100 in new back-to-school fall clothing, shoes and BTS items; to help alleviate such costs for family, as well as provide a positive and confidence building experience for the child; provide an opportunity for community volunteers to mentor and assist children in need with positive examples and good buying decisions.

**EVENT: "BACK TO SCHOOL CHILD SPREE"** 

DATE: Saturday, July 15, 2017

**VOLUNTEER CHECK IN: 6:30am** 

SHOPPING TIME: 7:45am - 9:20am

CHECKOUT TIME: 9:20am - no later than 10:00am

LOCATION: JCPenney El Con Mall, 3501 E. Broadway Blvd.

## **PLEASE NOTE**:

- 1. Volunteers will check-in at 6:30am at volunteer registration desk. They will pick up their pre-made name tag and a volunteer information sheet which will include a map of the store with different age-appropriate departments.
- 2. Only two pre-assigned non-related adults will escort a child through the shopping and check out process.
- 3. Volunteers are not allowed to bring minor children or non-registered adults to the event.
- 4. During the shopping event, registered volunteer escorts will assist the child in purchasing \$100 value in clothing & shoes with the assistance of the parent's suggested shopping list and the <u>child's</u> requests.
- 5. Volunteers are to try to use the entire \$100 budget for their assigned child. If the total goes over the allotted budget, it is the volunteer shopper's responsibility to either reduce the items to meet the allotted budget or make up the difference with their personal financial contribution (please note that there is no expectation for the volunteer to spend personal monies, but rather it's a choice, as some volunteers enjoy doing this).
- 6. If a child has this image on the lower corner of his/her nametag they can **NOT** have their picture taken, be filmed, or interviewed.

JCPenney has agreed to provide each volunteer with a 10-15% discount for any purchases made the same day after assisting the children.



## Back To School Child Spree 2017 Volunteer Application

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Please return this completed form and a copy of your driver's license to The Salvation Army, Attn: Back To School Child Spree Mail to 1002 N. Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705, fax to (520)881-7546, or email to <a href="mailto:daniela.moreno@usw.salvationarmy.org">daniela.moreno@usw.salvationarmy.org</a>



## The Salvation Army Back To School Child Spree Safety Protocol

These are the procedures to follow regarding ensuring the safety of every child, while participating in the Tucson Child Spree Back-To-School shopping program:

- ❖ All Volunteer Escorts will complete a Volunteer registration form, which will include information regarding the Spree and Photo Release.
- ❖ A registration form for each child participating in the Spree will be kept at the event itself (same shopping location as the child), information contained in the registration will be kept confidential from the escorts, with the exception of child's name & clothing/shoe sizes for obvious shopping reasons.
- Children's registration forms will include a medical release form.
- During drop off and pick up, the Parent/Guardian and child will be given a matching arm wristband, with the participating child's name written on it. Upon arrival for pick up the wrist bands will be matched up, and the child will only be released to the authorized person with the matching wrist band.
- Check In/Check Out will be done at one main door only.
- Children will be escorted by two (2) unrelated volunteer escorts for their shopping spree, and where possible, each of the opposite sex.
- Monitors will be placed in each dressing room area, providing monitoring and supervision of those utilizing the dressing rooms.
- Monitors will be placed outside of each of the restrooms, limiting the number of children to no more than three (3) at any one time.
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- ❖ Exits being utilized will be covered by a monitor, and children will only be allowed to leave the store through the main exit with their parent/guardian.
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- ❖ I have never been accused, arrested or convicted of child abuse, or a crime involving actual or attempted sexual molestation of a child.

By signing this document, as a Volunteer, Employee, Officer, I understand the Back to School Child Spree Safety Protocols and agree to abide by them.

Printed Name	Signature

Revised: 6/1/17