

In west Georgia, volunteers will come together on Saturday, July 31, from 9:00 a.m. to noon to host a drive-thru supply distribution event at Midway Church in Villa Rica. This event will be similar in design to many of our past e-recycling or disaster relief distribution events. Community attendees will remain in their vehicles, pop their trunks and allow Project GIFT volunteers to load in the appropriate number of Back to School bags - attendees will never have to leave their vehicles!

Southwire's 17th Annual Back to School Giveaway FAQs

How many bags of school supplies will be given away at Southwire's Back to School (BTS)?

We will give out more than 6,000 bags of free school supplies on Saturday, July 31 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM (ET).

I don't live in Carroll County. Can I attend BTS?

Southwire's Back to School hosted by Project GIFT is a free community event open to all families from all locations. There is no requirement to live in Carroll County in order to receive assistance.

What paperwork do I need in order to receive free supplies for my children?

There is no paperwork required to receive free school supplies. However, upon arriving you will be asked to fill out a quick form stating how many of each bag type you'll need based on the ages of your children. Our two bag types are: Kindergarten-3rd grade and 4th-12th grade.

Do my children have to come to the event for me to pick up supplies?

Children are not required to attend.

My neighbors are out of town that weekend. Can I pick up school supplies for their family and mine?

In order to assist as many families as possible, a representative from each family must be present to pick up school supplies.

What time do I need to arrive in order to guarantee receipt of supplies?

Our event will begin at 9:00 AM ET on Saturday, July 31. Bags are given out on a first come first serve basis, so there are no guarantees. However, we will be giving out more than 6,000 bags of supplies that day, so as long as you arrive towards the beginning of the event there is a very good chance you will receive your bags for your family.

Will there be other activities for my family at the Back to School event?

The health and safety of our community is our number one focus. Therefore, we are asking all attendees to remain in their vehicles. With that being said, there will **not** be additional activities at the event. However, we will have several vendors online offering free services, fun activities or valuable information for you and your family. More details to come!

I've never been to this event before. Where do I park upon arrival?

This year the event will take place at Midway Church. Because this year's event is drive-thru style, you will not need to park. Instead, you will simply drive through, pick up your bags and exit the parking lot. The physical address is 3915 Carrollton Villa Rica Highway Villa Rica, GA 30180. Upon arrival staff members will direct you to the appropriate line to pick up your bags.

I'm a business, non-profit or individual and I'd like to make a monetary or in-kind donation to BTS. How can I do that and is it tax deductible?

Southwire's BTS has a host of wonderful sponsors that have made monetary or in-kind donations. We would love to add you to that list! Southwire's Project GIFT is a legally recognized 501(c)3 or non-profit organization, therefore all donations are tax deductible. Please call (770) 832-4729 or email project.gift@southwire.com for more information on how you can support BTS.

I'm a business or non-profit organization. Can I come set up a tent on event day?

This year all approved vendors for Back to School (BTS) will have an opportunity to be present online. Southwire will not have any additional vendors at the event. If you would like more information about how you can get involved with Back to School this year or in the future, please call the Project GIFT Hotline at (770) 832-4729 or email project.gift@southwire.com and the Project GIFT Coordinator will reach out to you directly.

Do you allow volunteers in the community to participate on event day?

Southwire's Project GIFT will provide all of the volunteers this year due to the nature of the event.

None of these FAQs answered my question. What do I do?

If you have additional questions about Back to School that weren't answered here, please call the Project GIFT Hotline at (770) 832-4729 or email project.gift@southwire.com.