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Back to School Bash!

A local non-profit is preparing to serve the largest number of families within the history of its existence. Ms. Tonya M. Lewis and Children With A Vision, Inc. (CWAV) are raising funds and purchasing supplies for 4,000 children, despite a reduction in sponsorship dollars. The City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, businesses and community organizations including the Chartric Darby Foundation (#91 Detroit Lions), Derrick Ward's (#28 Tampa Bay Buccaneers) 34 Ways Foundation, the Kay Jay Harris Foundation (#36 New York Giants), Miracles Outreach and more have joined in the effort to aid Tampa's youth. In addition to their help, sponsorships and donations are still needed. The 9th Annual Back to School Bash is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th at the Ragan Park Community Center in east Tampa (1200 E. Lake Ave.) from 12 noon to 6pm. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to be admitted.

Ms. Tonya M. Lewis hosted the annual back to school bashes in her backyard for several years until it outgrew the space. The event, which is now at the Ragan Park Community Center, hosted close to 200 in its first year and in 2008 welcomed approximately 3,200 Bay area children. Ms. Lewis, a Tampa native and a true testimony of a bad girl gone good, is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of the youth with Children With A Vision, Inc. "These children deserve to begin their school year with a positive attitude and they won't be able to do so if they don't even have the basic necessities. I am very proud to do what I can to help them succeed and I am thankful to all of those who help make this happen," says Lewis.

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TAMPA - For many Bay Area kids, school begins next week. Sunday, thousands of families walked away with free book bags full of classroom supplies.

The lined formed hours before the door opened at Ragan Park Community Center in Tampa -- thousands of low-income families in desperate need of school supplies.

Many folks said they're on a fixed income and they're grateful.

"I'm living on disability and child support is what I'm living on. And if it wasn't for these people here helping me, they



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TAMPA, FL - Parents across the bay area are busy getting their children ready for the start of school. Unfortunately, some parents cannot afford to buy clothes, paper and pencils for their children and the recession has only intensified the problem.

This morning a local non-profit group, Children with a Vision, plans to provide supplies to 4,000 local children. "These children deserve to begin their school year with a positive attitude and they won't be able to do so if they don't even have the basic necessities," says Tonya Wilson, who founded Children with a Vision.

"I am very proud to do what I can to help them succeed and I am thankful to all of those who

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Tampa, Florida - Thousands of Bay area kids have school supplies thanks to an organization called [Children With A Vision](#). The group held their 9th annual Back to School Bash/Health Fair Sunday, where children got the chance to pick out back packs full of supplies to get them ready for classes.

The event was held at Regan Park Community Center at 1200 E. Lake Avenue in Tampa.

Tonya Lewis is the Founder and President of [Children With A Vision](#) and told 10 Connects she got a call from a mother who recently lost her job and her house. Her seven children are living with different relatives but the mom wanted to make sure her kids got something for school.

Lewis described the feeling of meeting the families they're trying to help. "A lot of tears and a lot of crying and a lot of hugs. They desperately needed these supplies."

Lewis and volunteers made sure that all the kids had a good time too.

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