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Mission To Distribute School Uniforms to Needy Children Starting Friday

The hard part is over and now the **ministry** begins.

The Panama City Rescue Mission's "Klothes for Kids" project in partnership with Living Word Fellowship's "Got Your Back" will provide 2-3 good clean new or gently used school uniforms and school supplies to more than 800 needy children over the next four days. The first day of distribution for already pre-registered families is Friday August 10th at the former Barnhill's location at Panama City Mall.

It began in early May as businesses and foundations were approached to help sponsor the program by donating funds to help purchase clothes and to operate the 3rd annual program. This years top sponsors include the WHO Foundation, BeautiControl Consultants, and Panama City Toyota.

"Today is the culmination of a lot of hard work by our staff and dedicated volunteers who have spent months collecting new and gently used clothes and signing up needy families," said Rev. Billy Fox, Executive Director. "This program means families will not have to decide whether to buy food or school uniforms." Today, Knology (also a sponsor) employees will assist the distribution process.

What makes this program special, said Fox is that it is "front lines" ministry. Volunteers and staff have the privilege of working face-to-face with the area's most needy, serving as personal shoppers and helping them pick out their needed size and colors.

Families that already receive public assistance, such as food stamps, disability and section-8 housing were qualified and pre-registered so that they could receive the assistance.

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