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Churches spruce up Gladstone schools

Gladstone schools are ready for students thanks to a joint volunteer effort from members of five community churches.

On August 20, nearly 100 people participated in the annual Church Out Day. They dove into projects on four school campuses, painting, pulling weeds, rejuvenating playgrounds, and organizing the Clothes Closet for the back-to-school rush.

Volunteers included congregations from Gladstone First Baptist, St. Stephen Lutheran, Gladstone Christian, Gospel Fellowship Community Church, and Tri-City Baptist Temple.

[Photo Captions coming soon. I am working to identify the people & which church they go to.]

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Events raise funds for Gladstone Schools

The Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] annual golf tournament in July raised nearly \$12,000 for Gladstone students, a \$3,000 gain over the previous year's event.

Next, GEF plans a fall dinner and auction to raise funds for schools and youth programs. The event will take place Saturday, October 21 at the World of Speed in Wilsonville.

"We are looking for event sponsors and folks to donate auction items," said Executive Director Tammy Tracy. "All proceeds will benefit kids in Gladstone, whether through technology and books, innovative classroom projects, or after school activities."

Tickets are available for \$50 each, and must be purchased by October 1. To order tickets or donate to the event, contact Tammy Tracy at 503.650.2777.

Photo: The annual golf tournament sponsored by the Gladstone Education Foundation raised over \$11,800 for Gladstone schools.

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School supply drives help Gladstone kids

Two Gladstone businesses have launched school supply drives to make sure every student in their community has the tools to succeed in school.

Happyrock Coffee Roasters, 465 Portland Avenue, will collect school supplies

August 26 to September 3. For each item donated, the donor will receive a raffle ticket for prizes from Sandilake Clothing, Menehune Murph's Hawaiian Shave Ice, Comics Adventure, and Happyrock Coffee.

Gladstone Baskin Robbins, 19510 McLoughlin Blvd. is collecting school supply donations through September 5. All items gathered will benefit students in Gladstone.

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Photo: On August 21, the Gladstone Cheer team took a break from practice to watch the solar eclipse.