

## **Clayton County Annual Back-to-School Block Party**

Forest Park, GA- July 26, 2021 – The Hand, Heart and Soul Project, along with the Honorable Valencia Stovall (D-Forest Park), Little Ones Learning Center, Forest Park High School PTSA, Forest Park High School, and Georgia Youth Career Center have teamed up again for the 4th Annual Clayton County Back 2 School Block Party on Friday, July 30th 4:30pm-7pm at Forest Park High School Parking Lot. The event will provide school supplies to Clayton County residents. "It's exciting to partner again for the 4th year to support our families in Clayton County. There are many challenges ahead as the new school year kicks off on August 2nd. This historical event allows the community to come together to celebrate and at the same time collectively provide resources that will be beneficial.", stated Honorable Valencia Stovall

The Hand, Heart and Soul Project was founded to serve as a "boots on the ground" organization for healthier kids and families. Since 2018, the Hand, Heart and Soul Project has partnered with the residents of Clayton County by providing programs during the height of the pandemic such as the USDA Farmers to Families food box distribution, farm to early care and education, the Little Lions Farm Stand and supporting school transition year round, among other value added programming. "This has been an incredibly difficult time for families and the community. We want to give folks something to smile about and ensure kids are school ready on day 1 with the most basic supplies. This is a time of community fellowship and high energy fun. It's not a bash, it's a block party," said Wande Okunoren-Meadows, Executive Director of the Hand, Heart Soul Project.

The Clayton County Back 2 School Block Party, with live entertainment, kid friendly activities, exhibitors, health screenings, door prizes and food distribution, this is an event not to be missed. Come join us for a fantastic time for the whole family. This event is made possible

through generous community sponsors including: Invest Clayton, The Roane School, United Way of Greater Atlanta, MARTA, Morrow Learning Ctr, Georgia Can, Arrow Christian Academy, The Learning Station, Rex Childcare & Early Learning Ctr, Forest Park Councilman Allan Mears, Sr., 7 Pillars Career Academy, and Stanley Rivers Foundation. Vendor space and sponsorships are still available. If you would like to become a vendor or sponsor, please contact the Manager of Programs and Outreach for the Hand, Heart Soul Project at 404-399-9548 or by email at jervonia@handheartsoulproject.org.

WHAT: Clayton County Back-to-School Block Party

**WHEN:** Friday, July 30, 2021 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

WHERE: Forest Park High School 5452 Phillips Dr. Forest Park, GA 30297