

Pools of Hope and College Square Neighborhood Association Host 10th Annual Free Back-to-School Event in Long Beach

Long Beach, California Aug 6, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Pools of Hope, in partnership with the College Square Neighborhood Association, is proud to present its **10th Annual Free Back-to-School Event** on **Saturday, August 9, 2025**, from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at **6801 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90805**. This milestone event continues a decade-long tradition of helping local families prepare for the school year with confidence and care.

With **nearly 70% of Long Beach Unified School District students qualifying for free or reduced lunch**, and **the average cost of school supplies now exceeding \$890 per child** (National Retail Federation, 2024), this free event addresses an urgent need in the community.

Attendees will receive **backpacks, school supplies, free food from Hot Dog on a Stick and Kona Ice, groceries, and access to local community resources**. Youth ages **5–17** can also enjoy **free swim access**, providing both support and summer fun before school starts.

“We know how stressful back-to-school season can be, especially for families facing financial challenges,” said **Debra Shelton**, President of College Square Neighborhood Association. “This event is all about giving children what they need to succeed and letting them have some fun before school starts.”

“For years, Pools of Hope has shown up for the community beyond the pool,” said **Patricia Dixon**, Executive Director of Pools of Hope. “Our back-to-school event reflects our commitment to whole-life wellness and the belief that every child deserves a strong, supported start.”

In addition to school supplies, food, and groceries, the event will offer **free asthma screenings**, a vital service given Long Beach’s high rates of childhood asthma and environmental health disparities.

Thanks to the support of partners including **Congresswoman Nanette Baragán**, the **City of Long Beach**, **Long Beach Health & Human Services**, **Los Angeles County**, **Marathon Los Angeles Refinery**, **The Nonprofit Partnership**, **City of Long Beach Community Development**, the **Port of Long Beach**, and other generous sponsors, this annual tradition continues to grow in impact and reach.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (while supplies last)

Location: 6801 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805

Cost: Free and open to the public

Tip: Families are encouraged to arrive early to ensure they receive supplies.

For more information, please call **(310) 537-2224**.

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About Pools of Hope

Pools of Hope provides therapeutic aquatic and wellness programs to over **1,500 children with developmental disabilities, veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities** annually. Its warm-water pools and evidence-based programs support improved physical and mental well-being for clients across Los Angeles County.

About College Square Neighborhood Association

The College Square Neighborhood Association is dedicated to uniting the North Long Beach community through resident engagement, youth-focused programming, and civic partnerships that foster long-term neighborhood improvement.

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