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## **Energizing Education: OG&E Donates Supplies to Tishomingo Area Teachers**

**Electric utility provides over \$100,000 in classroom materials to local schools**



*Left to right: Amber Wooley, executive director of Our Neighbor's Cupboard, and Stephanie Coleman, OG&E community outreach coordinator, smile as they distribute critical school supplies to teachers in the Tishomingo area.*

**TISHOMINGO (Aug. 3, 2022)** – With the new school year just around the corner, it's time to stock up on school supplies. However, many families struggle to afford school materials, and too often teachers end up paying out-of-pocket for those critical classroom supplies. To alleviate this financial burden on Tishomingo area educators, Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) hosted a free teacher pop-up shop on July 28, 2022 at the Calvary Baptist Church to ensure local teachers have the supplies they need for their students to succeed.

Volunteers from the electric utility, as well as representatives from Our Neighbor's Cupboard and United Way of South Central Oklahoma, distributed important school supplies like paper, binders, scissors, glue and more to teachers in the Tishomingo area.

"We are so grateful to OG&E for prioritizing our students," said Candice Oliver, a fourth-grade teacher at Tishomingo Elementary. "It's easy to forget how expensive school

supplies can be, and to take that burden off teachers allows us to focus solely on providing the best possible education for kids. The impact and importance of such a donation cannot be understated."

Over the next few weeks, OG&E volunteers and representatives will host additional pop-up shops across the service area, providing over \$100,000 of vital school supplies to multiple Oklahoma school districts. This is the third year OG&E has hosted teacher pop-up shops.

"Building a better future for our community starts with investing in our youth," said Robert Holliday, OG&E community affairs manager. "By ensuring teachers and students have the tools required to be successful in the classroom, we are strengthening future generations and highlighting the importance of education. It's a very important responsibility that none of us take lightly."

All donated supplies for the teacher pop-up shops are purchased from Shawnee-based South Central Industries, a nonprofit that employs individuals with developmental disabilities.

"There are so many critical components of a comprehensive, high-quality education, and ensuring students and teachers have access to standard school supplies only scratches the surface," said Amber Wooley, executive director of Our Neighbor's Cupboard. "It's gratifying to see OG&E's dedication to providing Oklahoma youth with first-rate educational opportunities."

Donating resources to classrooms is just one example of OG&E's commitment to educational stewardship. Whether it's scholarships, classroom project funding or student safety programs, OG&E is dedicated to education investment. For more information on how the organization supports Oklahoma schools, visit [oge.com/education](https://oge.com/education).

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