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Energizing Education: OG&E Donates Supplies to Ardmore Teachers
Electric utility provides over \$100,000 in classroom materials to local schools



Left: Mary "The Fox" Johnson, Ardmore Middle School social studies teacher, smiles at OG&E's teacher pop-up shop, where she was the winner of a brand-new computer donated by the electric utility.

Top Right: OG&E Community Outreach Coordinator Stephanie Coleman checks in Ardmore teachers at the electric utility's free pop-up shop.

Bottom Right: Marietta teachers Maverick McClendon (left) and Hope Willis (right) grin with their new classroom supplies donated by OG&E.

ARDMORE (Sept. 2, 2022) – With the new school year underway, teachers are busy ensuring their classrooms are fully stocked up with 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 Ardmore educators, Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) hosted a free teacher pop-up shop on Aug. 27, 2022 at the Ardmore Convention Center to ensure local teachers have the supplies they need for their students to succeed.

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

"It is such a blessing it is to receive these materials for our classrooms," said Greg Munholland, a Special Education Director at Healdton High School. "This generous donation ensures students have access to critical school supplies and paves the way for success in the classroom. Thank you so much, OG&E!"

Over the past few weeks, OG&E volunteers and representatives hosted 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.

"Almost no one plays a bigger role in shaping future generations than teachers," said Richard Delano, OG&E community affairs manager. "OG&E wants to make sure teachers have everything they need for a successful school year. Teachers light the way for educational success, and we are honored to support them in their endeavors."

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.

"We're so grateful OG&E is helping our teachers and students," said Daela Echols, Executive Director at United Way of South Central, "Teachers are often burdened with providing school supplies for their classroom out-of-pocket, and I'm not sure people realize how expensive it can be. This donation truly sets our students up to thrive!"

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.

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