

TENESHIA HUDSPETH COUNTY CLERK

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HARRIS COUNTY CLERK HOSTING FOURTH ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BIRTH CERTIFICATE EVENT

(HOUSTON, TX) – As Harris County recovers from the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, the Harris County Clerk's Office (HCCO) is stepping up to help families of school-age children. HCCO is hosting its Fourth Annual Back-to-School Birth Certificate Event on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Chimney Rock Annex, 6000 Chimney Rock Road. This event is designed to assist families in obtaining birth certificates needed for school registration. Thanks to generous donations, the first 100+ people in line will receive one birth certificate free of charge, while additional birth certificates will be available for \$23 each.

"Every year, various organizations volunteer to assist with this event. These partnerships are invaluable because they provide so much more for families that need help with necessary back-to-school items," **said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth**. "Thanks to their support, our office can provide complimentary birth certificates, school supplies, backpacks, and more."

This year, HCCO is collaborating with the Honorable Gene Wu, Texas State Representative, District 137, the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector & Voter Registrar's Office, Judge Israel Garcia, Justice of the Peace Precinct 5, Place 1, Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 5, Harris County Resources for Children and Adults, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Children's Museum Houston, Oasis Funeral & Cremations, Farah Law, Trinity Dental Centers, Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Alpha Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. in partnership with Alpha Merit Group Educational Foundation, Inc.

HCCO launched the Back-to-School Birth Certificate program in August 2021, marking the first time the office opened on a Saturday to issue birth certificates. Since then, the event has been held annually at different locations across Harris County.

"Many families manage busy schedules that do not allow them to visit our offices during regular business hours. Allowing them the opportunity to obtain their children's birth certificates on a Saturday benefits them," **added Clerk Hudspeth**. "We look forward to helping many families cross one more item off their Back-to-School checklists."

HCCO provides a short form birth certificate that is acceptable for school enrollment. **To purchase** a birth certificate copy, a person must:

- Have been born in the State of Texas
- Be the person named on the certificate, the legal representative, or an immediate family member with appropriate identification (ID)

- Provide a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, federal or state ID card, military
 ID, U.S. Passport, and or supporting documents
- Complete a birth certificate application, available at our office
- Pay of \$23.00 (cash or credit card)

If you cannot attend HCCO's Back-to-School Birth Certificate event, you can request birth certificates online, by mail, or in person at any of HCCO's 11 locations. For additional information, click here or call 713-274-8686.

For information on other HCCO services and updates, go to www.cclerk.hctx.net or follow us on social media **@HarrisCoTXClerk**.

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File photo: Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth with the Hernandez family at the Back-to-School Birth Certificate Event at the Pasadena Annex, Saturday, July 29, 2023.

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