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Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor pencil in Mission Arlington's school supply effort  
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ARLINGTON -- Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor employees donated 51,931 new pencils to Mission Arlington's Back to School Program on Thursday -- enough to circle the new Texas Giant roller-coaster track more than seven times.

Last year, the program served 9,000 economically disadvantaged children. Even more students are expected to need help this year, said Tillie Burgin, Mission Arlington's executive director. "We're so thankful" for the donation, she said.

The employees had planned to collect at least 7,210 pencils, enough to circle the track once, as part of their community service efforts, Six Flags spokeswoman Sharon Parker said.

Burgin said Mission Arlington needs more school supplies, including notebook paper, red and black pens, manila paper, construction paper and folders with brads, to help children going back to school this month. Donations can be made at 210 W. South St. in downtown Arlington.

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