

THE SUN



TODAY
93/63



SATURDAY
97/70

Full weather
Page B12

San Bernardino
County's Newspaper
75¢

CHARITY



Rachel Luna Staff Photographer
Lilianna Hernandez, 9, right, opens a new backpack she received from a community giveaway as her cousin, Ashley Hernandez, 11, sits with her on Thursday outside Johnson Hall in San Bernardino.

Couple hands out shoes, backpacks to 300 children

SAN BERNARDINO — New shoes were in abundance Thursday as former San Bernardino resident and community volunteer Arthur Davis, and his wife, Fredda Harper Davis, hosted a free giveaway. The couple provided 300 pairs of free shoes, backpacks, T-shirts and a barbeque lunch for disadvantaged youth in the area of Ninth and Wilson streets near Medical Center Drive.

More than 300 children showed up for

the giveaway, which Davis said is a long-time family tradition. The couple was aided by their son, Troy D. Davis and sister-in-law, Charisa Howard. The giveaways are the family's way of giving back to the community, and helping people less fortunate, Art Davis said.

They plan a food giveaway in November.

michol.nolan@inlandnewspapers.com
909-386-3852, amichol@inland