



Bags of Blessings

Dear Companion in Mission;

Here's a project for you and your congregation to help people in Wichita and surrounding area. It's **big** -- people all over are taking part in collecting personal care items for "Bags of Blessings," because we care! *Please pass this along to your service group, women or men's group, youth, and Vacation Bible School.*

Why? A mother wants to send children to school clean, but doesn't have hygiene supplies they need. A father needs personal care items to prepare for his job search. A homeless man needs personal care items to feel decent and respectable. All need to know that we think about our community!

What: This is a major united collection of personal care items in gallon-size closable plastic bags for kits to distribute to people through shelters, assistance and meal centers, schools and places that reach people in need. Our goal is to collect a total of 1000 or more Bags of Blessings from everyone. Any amount that you can give is welcome! ****We will add a prayer blessing to each personal care kit.**

Each bag needs to contain all of these items (small/travel-size sizes, new):

- *Bar of soap
- *Shampoo
- *Hand lotion
- *Tooth paste
- *Tooth brush
- *Emery board or clippers
- *Comb Lip balm/chap stick
- *Sunscreen
- *Deodorant
- *Razor Shaving cream
- *Wash cloth
- *Pair of short white adult socks
- *Individual pack snack bar/crackers/cookies

§ Packed in a gallon-size closable plastic bag.

§ Other items that fit in the bag in addition to these essentials are welcome. Perhaps consider the need for African-American hair care products, oil, brushes, etc.

If you have additional items beyond your bags, please send them too.

Who: Wichita and the neighboring communities

What: Collect personal care kit items.

Collection Dates: Now through June 20th or the 25th.

Drop-off Days: Friday, June 11th & 25th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 12th & 26th 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Drop-off Place: St. John's Episcopal Church, 402 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS

Why: Everyone doing a little makes a big difference! Can we do it? Will you join in? Will you set a goal for collecting Bags of Blessings at your church or organization?

Please share your plans with us, so that we can plan and organize.

This Bags of Blessings is led by an inter-denominational team through Partners for Wichita's Samaritan Community, congregations working together as partners for peace. Partners for Wichita is a non-profit organization, 925 N. Waco, Wichita KS, 67203. For more information, see www.partnersfowichita.org or contact Pastor Dave Fulton, president, 316-263-0810 or pastor.stpauls@sbcglobal.net, or Monica Ellis, Samaritan Community, 316.207.3925 or monica.ellis@partnersfowichita.org.

Thank you for caring and joining a great project!

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If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. — Ford, Henry