

Please place toiletries in plastic bags to prevent any leaks from getting on clothing.

Filling Backpacks with Supplies - Assembled backpacks not only save our volunteers time, but they also allow us to allocate our monetary donations to other areas. These backpacks will have a significant impact on the children we serve. We are grateful for your generosity in donating and assembling these backpacks.

Here's how to organize this project:

Packs of Hope can provide backpacks if you would like. We can buy backpacks at a discounted price, and by using our backpacks, you can focus on the items that go inside the backpacks.

For this drive, we have found it easier to focus on specific size (age) groups rather than collecting items for all sizes (ages). The groups to consider are babies, toddlers, children, and teens.

1. Set a Start Date: Choose a date to begin your donation drive.
2. Contact Packs of Hope to arrange for backpacks to be delivered.
3. Create a Sign-Up: Use a sign-up tool (such as Sign-up Genius) to inform people about what items to collect and how many of each item you need.
4. Collect Items: Gather all the necessary items.
5. Set a Packing Date: Decide on a date to pack the backpacks.
6. Sort Donations: On packing day, sort and organize the donated items.
7. Fill Backpacks: Fill the backpacks with the collected items.
8. Arrange Pickup: Contact Packs of Hope to schedule a pickup for the completed backpacks.

****Items to Collect for Each Backpack (by Clothing Size)****

Babies (Sizes: 0/3 months, 3/6 months, 6/9 months):

- 2 shirts
- 1 pair of pants
- 1 set of pajamas
- Socks
- 1 baby blanket
- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- 1 baby toy

Toddlers and Children (Sizes: 12 months, 18 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, 6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16):

- 1 shirt
- 1 pair of pants
- 1 set of pajamas
- 1 sweatshirt or jacket
- Socks (only for sizes 5T and under)
- Underwear
- Children's shampoo
- 1 stuffed animal or small toy

Teen Clothing (Sizes: Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL):

- 1 shirt
- 1 pair of elastic waistband pants or sweats
- 1 pair of pajamas
- 1 sweatshirt or jacket
- Underwear
- Travel-sized shampoo and conditioner set
- Deodorant
- A brush or comb