Hope for the Holidays 2025

Samaritan Ministry

It's that time of year again and we are privileged to participate in the Holiday Hope Bag Campaign. Thank you in advance for your participation as we seek to fill 100 Insulated Bags!

This year each bag will also include a Christmas devotional booklet from Our Daily Bread and $25 gift card.

The Story of the Hope Bag

in January of 2000, following the passing of Chucky Moyers, his sister, Carol-Ann, began a project called the Holiday Hope Bucket Campaign. The purpose of this project was to fill buckets with much needed items for members of our community who are living with HIV/AIDS.

With the incredible advancement in HIV/AIDS treatment in recent years, more patients are living actively with HIV, managing the disease well, and not succumbing to AIDS. Just as treatment of HIV/AIDS has evolved over the years, the Hope Bucket's contents have also adapted to the ever-changing needs of the patients.

Again, this year, we will ask you to fill a collapsible zip top Insulated bag- very useful for transporting groceries as well as many other uses. We sometimes still refer to the insulated bag as a Hope "Bucket", as its purpose still remains as a gift of hope to people living with HIV. There are specific reasons for each item on the list, so please stick strictly to our list.

Many heartfelt thanks to you,

Please do not deviate from the recommendations or make substitutions. Please put items in the bags that could be used by either a male or female.

- Book of 10 postage stamps
- 1 Bath Full Size Towel
- Box of Envelopes
- Box of Tissues
- 2025 Calendar
- Chap Stick/lip balm
- Deodorant - unisex
- Razors – 3-pack
- Hand Sanitizer / Alcohol Wipes
- Individually Wrapped Hard Candy
- Knit Stretch Gloves - unisex
- Soap/Lotion
- Dish Soap
- Pens/Note Pad
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Nail File and Clipper
- Laundry Detergent Pods (small bag)
- Bandaids

Colorful Insulated Bags are being provided by Samaritan Ministry. You can pick up empty bags and instructions in the hallway behind the Worship Center Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, October 26. We would like to have all our bags completed by Sunday, November 23rd.

For more information, contact Wayne Smith (865-705-1161).

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