

Hope for the Holidays 2023

Sunday, Nov. 5 – Sunday, Nov. 26

A Note From Wayne:

It's that time of year again and we are privileged to participate in the Holiday Hope Bucket Campaign. Thank you in advance for your participation as we seek to fill 125 Insulated Bags!

This Year we are including a Christmas Devotional Booklet from Our Daily Bread in each bag.

The Story of the Hope Bucket

My brother, Chucky Moyers, attended his last Hope Party in 1999. Although it was a joy filled event for the children, Chucky was disheartened by the lack of support for the adult patients. When I discussed the idea of "The Hope Bucket" with him, he was thrilled for all of the future Hope Center patients to experience this Holiday treat. After his death in January of 2000, I made this project my top priority, beginning with help from family and friends, then, eventually including community support which exponentially increased the number of buckets provided. The Hope Buckets have been going strong for 21 years. We have witnessed the incredible advancement in HIV/AIDS treatment in recent years which means more patients living actively with, and managing the disease well, rather than succumbing to AIDS in a short amount of time like Chucky did. 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, the Bucket itself will change to a collapsible zip top Insulated bag- very useful for transporting groceries as well as many other uses. We will continue to refer to it as the 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, for example, food is not on the list, but hard candy is appropriate. This "New Bucket" was a hit with everyone and will be very useful!

Many heartfelt thanks to you,
Carol-Ann Buchanan
Hope Bucket Founder



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

Book of 10 postage stamps
Box of Envelopes
Box of Tissues
2024 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)
Band-aids

Colorful Insulated Bags (the "new bucket") are being provided for this year by Samaritan Ministry. You can pick up empty bags and instructions in the hallway behind the Worship Center Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, November 5th. We would like to have all of our gifts in Morning Worship on Sunday, November 26.

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



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