Launch a [Love They Neighbor](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/LYNB/love-thy-neighbor-gift-set.aspx) campaign and distribute these [Serve One Another Bags](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/TB3/serve-one-another.aspx) with a needs list to inspire service within your community. Use the list below to get you started.

1. **Food Drive – for a shelter or families facing natural disasters, joblessness or low income**
   1. Canned meats & veggies *(example: chicken, beans, tuna, spam)* \*
   2. Cooking Oils *(Example: Olive and Canola) \**
   3. Plastic containers of applesauce or peanut butter
   4. Crackers
   5. Hard Candies
   6. Napkins & Plastic Silverware
   7. Include an inspirational [Placemat](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/TYL/meals-and-celebrations-placemat.aspx?bCategory=CPCHS!CPPMAT) or [Prayer Card](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/PCCG/psalm-23-prayer-card.aspx)

# Birthday Box – for an extension to your youth/college ministry or show appreciation to staff and volunteers

* 1. Birthday Themed Paper Plates & Napkins
  2. Single-Use tablecloth
  3. Party Hats & Balloons
  4. Birthday Banner
  5. Crepe Paper Streamers
  6. Birthday Candles
  7. Cake Mix\*, Jar of Frosting\* & Sprinkles
  8. Single Use Cake Pan
  9. [Bouquet & Blessings activity](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/MDAS/mothers-day-activity-sheet.aspx) sheet or [Birthday Card](https://www.creativecommunications.com/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?SearchTerm=birthday)

# College Student Care Package – for the students of your congregation reminding them they are remembered

* 1. Roman Noodles\*
  2. Dollar Store Tumbler with hot chocolate or tea bags \*
  3. Emergency Card with parish’s information
  4. Pens/Pencils, Notebooks, Highlighters
  5. Candy/Gum *(mint is preferred – studies have shown that if you chew mint gum while studying and chew it while take a test you have a better chance of remembering what you studied for) \**
  6. Fuzzy socks
  7. Prayer Book or [Thanksgiving Journal](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/TGPJ/thanksgiving-prayer-journal.aspx)

# Back to School Backpack Drive – for local families in need, invite them in and let them know your church is a place of belonging

* 1. Notebooks
  2. Pens *(blue and black),* Pencils *(#2) and* Erasers
  3. Hand-held Pencil Sharpener & Pencil Pouch
  4. Highlighters, Crayons & Markers
  5. Glue, Scissors & Rulers
  6. Backpack
  7. Note Cards
  8. [Pocket Folders](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/PCK22/student-pocket-folder.aspx?bCategory=CPGNP)

# Homeless Shelter – for those that need comfort with basic and spiritual needs

* 1. Toiletries *(examples: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, dental floss, bar soap/body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, lotions) \**
  2. Bath (*examples: towels, washcloths, facial tissues, toilet paper, hand soap)*
  3. Feminine Hygiene
  4. Grooming *(examples: combs, brushes, razors and shaving cream, nail care kits)*
  5. Clothing (*examples: winter coats, jackets, warm socks-preferably not cotton, gloves, layering pieces)*
  6. Bedding *(examples: sheets, blankets, pillow/pillowcases, mattress liners, pillow liners)*
  7. Light weight supplies like paper pads, pens and zip-lock bags to keep personal items clean and dry
  8. Individually wrapped, portable snacks like granola bars (avoid anything that melts)
  9. Toys (*gently used)*
  10. [Encouraging words from Psalm 23](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/LD6FE/the-lord-is-my-shepherd-w-free-envelope.aspx)

# Animal Shelters – a great opportunity to turn your Blessing of the Animals event into outreach and giving

* 1. Old blankets or towels *(they don’t care if they have been used)*
  2. Toys
  3. Dog or cat food\* and bowls
  4. Cat litter/Litter Pans
  5. Chlorine Bleach *(to help disinfect the kennels, cages, feeding bowl and the center)*
  6. Cat beds/Puppy pads
  7. Blessing of the Animals [Prayer Card](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/PCCW/blessing-of-the-animals-prayer-card.aspx) or [Coin](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/ZEC/blessing-of-the-animals-metal-coin.aspx)

# Military Care Packages – a great way to celebrate the patriotic holidays to remember your service members

* 1. Sunblock and Lip Balm
  2. Socks and Flip-Flops
  3. Snacks *(examples: chips, salsa, nuts, cookies, beef jerky, non-melting candy and trail-mix) \**
  4. Games *(examples: playing cards, crossword, or other puzzle books)*
  5. Stationery *(example: paper, envelopes, address labels, pens. Skip stamps they won’t need them)*
  6. [Prayer booklet](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/SLD/onward-christian-soldiers.aspx?bCategory=CPSEA!CPHOL), [Lolly card](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/JRH/lolly-and-card-for-patriotic-holiday.aspx) and [Pocket calendar](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/LCRD/liturgical-calendar-card--set-of-10.aspx)

# Women’s Shelter – for those that need comfort with basic and spiritual needs

* 1. Laundry detergent
  2. Toiletries *(examples: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, dental floss, bar soap/body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, lotions) \**
  3. Feminine Hygiene Products
  4. Diapers and Baby Formula
  5. School Supplies (*see #4 for examples)*
  6. Clothing items (*examples: winter coats, jackets, shirts, pants / please note you can donate gently used clothing you are no longer wearing ... some people can always use some professional wear if they have an interview coming up)*
  7. Grooming *(examples: combs, brushes, razors and shaving cream, nail care kits)*
  8. [Bouquet & Blessings activity](https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/MDAS/mothers-day-activity-sheet.aspx) sheet

1. **Come up with your own idea!**