



Christmas Backpack Care Packages

Once again this year, a number of the churches here on Cape Ann are working together this Christmas to offer tangible help to people in crisis or in need, specifically those serviced by the Action shelter and Amirah.



This initiative aims to provide "Christmas gifts" for the shelter and Amirah house residents -- backpacks filled with warm winter things like hats and gloves, travel toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, feminine care products, floss, toothbrushes, and toothpaste), and a blanket.



Our total goal for all the churches is to see 50 backpacks filled with at least one of each toiletry item, one blanket, and some warm gear for the winter. The Orthodox Congregational Church in Lanesville is taking the lead on this initiative again, and they have already purchased all of the backpacks and typically provide a small New Testament for each one, then organize the final packing and collection efforts.

If you would like to take care of the contents of an entire backpack, or to donate towards to cost of the backpacks themselves, fill out the tear-off slip below and put it in the offering plate to let us know! Otherwise, simply bring in your items for donation and add them to the pile on the table in the foyer by December 17th at the latest.

We will be collecting donations in the foyer of the church on:

December 3rd,
December 10th, and
December 17th.



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Backpack Items Needed

(at least one of each of the following)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> hats | <input type="checkbox"/> tooth paste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> tooth brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scarves | <input type="checkbox"/> tooth brush caps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> warm socks (mostly for women needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> floss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shaving cream (mostly for women) | <input type="checkbox"/> throw blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chapstick | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pack of pads (women only) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> body lotion/shampoo (smaller sizes) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> washcloths and loofahs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hand sanitizer | |

Money for Gift Cards or Missing Items:

(cash or checks can be made out to The Lanesville Congregational Church, with "Action Backpack" in memo line)



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- I will provide the contents for one complete backpack. (Do not buy a backpack; they are being provided for us.)
- I would like to donate \$ _____ towards the cost of the backpacks and the New Testaments that will be included in each backpack. *(Make checks payable to Community Church, with Action Backpacks in the memo line and submit with this slip.)*

