CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE

Christmas Backpacks

Kentucky's goal is **10,000 BACKPACKS** from KBC churches!

35% OF KENTUCKY'S CHILDREN LIVE IN SINGLE-PARENT HOMES.

For many of them, a backpack from Kentucky Baptists may be all they get for Christmas.

Backpacks will be distributed to children in need across Kentucky and in KBC's partner SEND City, Cincinnati.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND PACK:

- Register online (www.kybaptist.org/backpacks) the number of backpacks your church is committed to pack and share.
- Determine whether your church will partner with and deliver to a specific ministry OR drop off at an associational collection site.
- Begin with purchasing NEW, zippered backpacks.
- Determine the gender and age for the backpacks, then securely tie two (2) ribbons on each backpack to designate: Blue = boys, Pink = girls, Purple = ages 2-3, Yellow = ages 4-7, Green = ages 8-10, Red = ages 11-14, White = ages 15-17.
- Fill the backpacks with NEW gifts and the Christmas Story leaflet.
- Pray specifically for the child receiving the backpack and his or her family.
- Deliver the backpacks (choose one of two delivery options):
  - To the ministry you are partnering with. Contact the ministry directly about when to deliver and the date of their event.
  - To the designated association collection site, October 23-27, 2023. Call the association contact person to confirm what days and times they are open.

THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED (AGE APPROPRIATE):

TOYS (at least 1 item): Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, Frisbee, card games such as Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.
HYGIENE ITEMS (at least 2 items): Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed and in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, pony tail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.
OTHER (at least 2 items): Children's/Teen Bible (KJV, God's Word, or CSB version), age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).
FOOD (At least 2 items): Canned food items with pop-tops (nothing which requires a can opener and no plastic containers), protein bars, hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum. Please double bag all candy and do **NOT** include food items with chocolate, peanut butter, or nuts.
CLOTHING (At least 2 items. All clothing items must be new with tags/packaging): T-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pullover, warm outerwear.
SCHOOL SUPPLIES: School supplies are welcome, but not all sites need them. If you are partnering with a site, please check with them regarding school supplies and what type of school supplies are needed, please use age-appropriate school supplies.
COPY OF "THE CHRISTMAS STORY" LEAFLET (available for download from the website)

Additional ideas to consider for older kids (ages 11-17):

Girls - Lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, feminine hygiene supplies

Boys - LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, NERF™ football

*** Please PUT BACKPACKS in CARDBOARD BOXES and write with a marker on the outside of each cardboard box how many backpacks and for what age group and gender are enclosed. (Ex: B Ages 2-4 – 2, G Ages 5-7 – 2)**