## SERVICE-TO-GO BUSINESS MEETS COMMUNITY



United Way of Buffalo & Erie County





Upcycle your old t-shirts into reusable and renewable cloth bags—no sewing needed! Your generous donation of t-shirts, time, and effort means so much to so many organizations in our community. These reusable bags allow agencies to provide additional services and resources that meet not only the immediate needs of their clients, but also of the community and environment at large.

The T-Shirt Bag project will involve creating reusable and renewable bags by transforming old t-shirts. These will be provided to individuals experiencing homelessness, clients visiting food pantries and resource centers, and individuals and families living in temporary shelters.

If you would like, we will come and speak to your team about what this project means to the individuals in our community who receive these bags.

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- 100 billion plastic bags are used every year-that's 300 plastic bags per person!
- An average of 6,000 pounds of plastic bags wash up on every major shoreline each year.
- · Plastic bags take 1,000 years to biodegrade.

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For more information on the T-Shirt Bags Project and other Service-to-Go projects, visit **uwbec.org/business-meets-community** or contact:

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# T-SHIRT BAGS PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS



## **5 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A NO-SEW T-SHIRT BAG**

This project requires scissors and t-shirt(s) to do. The leftover t-shirt scraps can be recycled as rags for cleaning.

**Step 1:** Cut the sleeves off.



Step 2:

Cut the neckline in an oval shape. This will be the opening of the bag.



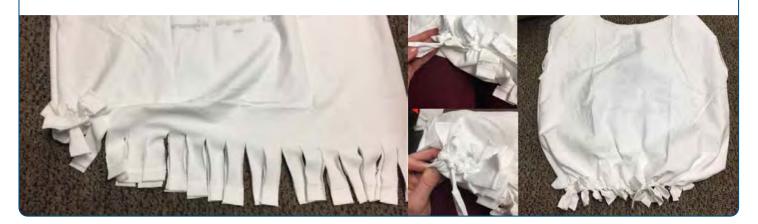
#### Step 3

Turn the t-shirt inside out and cut slits along the bottom of the t-shirt (about 3 inches long and about 3/4–1 inch apart). Cut both the front and back layers together because they will need to match up for the step step.



#### Step 4:

Tie the matching front and back fringe strands together and double knot. Once the knotting is finished, tie the knot strands to the ones next to them to close the holes between the knots.



Step 5: Turn the t-shirt right side out and it's done!



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