PARTNER AGENCIES

Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo
www.bgcb.org

Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns
www.bgcnt.org

Buffalo City Mission
www.buffalocitymission.org/

Family Promise of WNY
www.fpwny.org

Ken-Ton Closet
www.kentoncloset.org

Matt Urban Hope Center
www.urbanctr.org

Response to Love Center
www.responsetolove.org

The Salvation Army
www.buffalo.salvationarmy.org

DID YOU KNOW?

- Erie County homelessness is at a record high. In 2026, 2,188 individuals in Erie County experienced homelessness; 31% are children.
- 128,000 of Erie County residents live below the poverty line.

UNITED WAY OF BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY

SERVICE-TO-GO

Birthday-in-a-Bag Project

Imagine you're seven years old and today is your birthday. Now imagine that the place you call home is a shelter. You don't have your own room with toys or your own kitchen table where you sit and do homework. Imagine that you will not have a birthday party or, worse, that you've never experienced such a thing.

United Way's Birthday-in-a-Bag Project is for children living in safe shelters or other temporary living facilities. With your generous donation of time and basic birthday party supplies, you will make a true difference in a child's life in our community.

United Way will provide a list of suggested birthday party supply items to include in the bags. If you would like, we will come and speak to your team about what this project means to the children and families in our community who receive these bags.

What You Need

- 8–10 balloons in a Ziploc bag
- Favor bag (filled with mini candies & mini toy favors for the birthday child to share with other kids at the party)
- 1 gift (such as a stuffed animal or $5 gift card to Dollar Tree)
- 1 package of candles
- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 container of frosting
- 10 birthday themed plates & napkins in a Ziploc bag
- Handmade Happy Birthday card for the birthday child

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