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SERVICE-TO-GO

Personal Essential Kits Project

Building a Personal Essential Kit is a small yet significant thing you can do to make a powerful impact in someone's life.

Basic needs are vital to individuals living with chronic homelessness and for individuals and families in crisis needing temporary support. Basic needs services are critical to getting people back on their feet and on the road to self-sufficiency. These kits not only provide essential basic needs for the unsheltered homeless, they also bring comfort and joy letting someone know they are cared for. 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.

What to Include

Place one of each of your items into a gallon sized Ziploc bag. Some suggested items for this project are: Gallon Ziploc Bags, Toilet Paper Roll, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent Pods, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, and Deodorant. Additional items can be added such as new pairs of socks, a bottle of water, and granola bars.

What You Need

- Gallon Ziploc Bags
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Dish Soap
- Laundry
- Detergent Pods
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant

PARTNER AGENCIES

The Little Portion Friary
www.littleportionfriary.com

Matt Urban Hope Center
www.urbanctr.org

Response to Love Center
www.responsetolove.org

The Salvation Army
www.buffalo.salvationarmy.org

Build Promise
www.buildpromise.com

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.

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