

# WL Church Family – Donation Ideas for We Care Warsaw

## 1. **Gift Cards (or Coupons)** or Items for the All Day Door Prizes

- each guest receives a duplicate door prize ticket; throughout the day door prizes are given.  
The church families donated over \$3,000 in gift cards to local grocery and retail stores last year.
- Any dollar amount welcome.
- **Examples:**
  - (a) Big Box stores such as Wal-mart, K-mart
  - (b) Other stores such as Dollar General, Wal-Greens, CVS
  - (c) Restaurants: any fast food restaurant; family restaurants
  - (d) Grocery Stores such as Owens, Aldi's
  - (e) Car Maintenance/repair shops: such as Auto Zone, any repair shop, gas stations (gas cards).
  - (f) Hair Salons: such as Fiesta (who yearly provide stylists to donate time to cut hair at We Care Warsaw)

## 2. **Other suggested donations:** (wait for announced date/time to begin drop donations off at the church.)

- **Liquid Laundry Detergent** (one bottle will be provided each family unit; as Food Stamps do not cover this item)
- **Manicure Station supplies** (Nail polish, polish remover, manicure tools)
- **Small Group or ABF Project ideas:**
  - (a) **Collect the Supplies for the "Make Your Own Laundry Detergent class.** Boxes of 20 Mule Team Borax; Boxes of Arm and Hammer ;Super Washing Soda Bars of Fels Naptha Soap; Containers of Purex Crystals; Set of measuring cups; and Large Gladware
  - (b) **Gift Baskets** starting this year, gifts baskets will only be accepted that are already assembled /packaged together and of a minimum \$40 value. Ideas include:
    - Personal Hygiene (shampoo, soap, washcloth, toothbrush, etc.);
    - Kitchen/Cooking (measuring cups kitchen towels, utensils, etc.);
    - Just Add Water (hot chocolate, teas, flavored water packets;

## 3. **Provide a service** – complimentary snacks throughout the day; haircuts; manicures/make-up; samples of a product; etc.

## 4. **Coordinate & lead A Self-Help/Self-sufficiency "class"** – to encourage citizens in ways to do something for themselves. A thirty-minute or less demonstration classes work best. For example: We have had "How To Make Your Own Laundry Detergent Classes" offered all day at every half hour attended by 15-20 each class.

## 5. **Provide items for the Christmas Toy Store** – (children's toys/games, education materials; winter hats/glove-mittens/boots/scarves. New items; no used items)

- a. only parents enter the gift store
- b. free gift wrapping is provided
- c. a nominal price tag is placed on items – well below half the actual cost. Proceeds go toward the church's Monthly Gas Card Day – where we assist up to 30 families from the community with a \$15/Gas Card; first-come-first-served basis. Why have a cost involved? Studies of community food/clothing banks have shown that a parent's self- esteem is enhanced when they have contributed toward their children's gifts vs. receiving it free.

## 6. **Suggest a different opportunity to be involved.**

### For more information:

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