



## 2025 Collection Drive Opportunities

### **“LITTLE BITES, BIG SMILES”- *Snack-sized kindness, big-hearted impact***

Volunteers will collect items that can be assembled in snack packs for local elementary schools to distribute to kids who rely on school meals and snacks for basic nutrition. When a student must worry about where their next meal is going to come from, it can be difficult for them to focus on school. For those who have creative side, a snack pack sack can be decorated with pictures or encouraging words. When filled with healthy snacks, it can be a simple way to help a child succeed.

#### **Suggested Individually wrapped snacks to collect:**

- Goldfish
- Apple Sauce, Pouch
- Fruit Cups
- Bite size muffins
- Popped Corn Snack
- Pretzels
- Nature Valley Bars, Pack
- Fruit Snacks
- Cheese Ritz Bits.
- Cinnamon Graham Cracker Bites.

### **“SHINE BRIGHT KIT” – *Empowering confidence, one kit at a time***

Workplaces can host a collection drive to collect essential hygiene items. Shine Bright kits will be created, and the kits will be provided for local students who need them most.

When a child is lacking essential hygiene items – it can be hard for them to focus on anything else. Helping students get access to the resources they lack allows them to build a better and brighter future for themselves and our community. This is a way to help local kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and their families, who are lacking essential hygiene items, to regain their confidence and shine brightly, achieving more in school and beyond. A Shine Bright kit contains all the items kids need to feel good and succeed in the classroom and in life! What is in each kit?

#### **Suggested items to collect:**

- Full-size Shampoo,
- Full-size Conditioner
- Full-Size Body Wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Laundry Detergent
- Lip Balm
- Deodorant



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### **“FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS” – *Sharing essentials, strengthening homes, building community.***

Many families in our community face challenges in meeting their basic needs, struggling to stretch their budgets amid rising costs for essential household items. By collecting essential household items for the **From Our Families to Yours** collection drive, you can help families’ free up funds for other crucial personal and household needs. These kits will provide vital support to families in need, ensuring they have the essentials to thrive during the holiday season.

Once collected, dedicated volunteers will assemble the kits, which will be distributed to families in our **Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families** partner schools. Together, we can show our neighbors that they are not alone and that our community cares. Join us in making a positive impact and supporting families during this critical time!

#### **Items to collect:**

- Toilet paper
- Tissue
- Paper towels
- Household cleaner or dishwashing liquid

### **“FRESH THREADS - CONFIDENT KIDS” – *Helping children to feel confident and ready to learn***

Fresh Threads – Confident Kids collection drives aim to provide **NEW** socks, underwear, and sweatpants for children ages 3 to 8 who may face unexpected accidents during their school day, arrive at school in soiled clothing, or without appropriate attire. Having access to clean and dry clothing that fits is essential for preschoolers and students, as it directly impacts their confidence and ability to focus on their education or activities in the classroom.

When children come to school feeling uncomfortable or embarrassed, it can hinder their learning experience and self-esteem. By collecting these essentials, you can ensure that every child can participate fully in classroom activities without distraction or shame. The items collected will be distributed at the Strong Neighborhood Strong Families, partnering preschools and elementary schools.

#### **Items to collect:**

*Children come of all sizes. All sizes are accepted (preschool through third grade)*

- New socks or footies – boys and girls
- New underwear – boys and girls
- New basic (plain) sweatpants – boys and girls