

# BIRTHDAY IN A BAG

You can give a helping hand to families who are unable to afford celebrating their child's birthday with a party due to financial stress. This project strengthens our community and provides relief to those in need.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Large birthday bag
- Cake mix and cake pan
- Frosting
- Candles
- Birthday banner
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Blank card
- Gift item (*ideas below!*)

**1-3 YEARS** • Ball • Books • Tub toys • Building blocks • Dress up • Household play toys

**4-6 YEARS** • Playdoh • Art supplies • Play cash register • Shovel/pails for outside • Crayons, coloring books • Puzzle or game

**7-9 YEARS** • Modeling clay • Sports balls • Remote control car • Legos • Phase 10 or Uno • Art supplies

**10-14 YEARS** • Pair of movie passes • Craft supplies • Card or board games

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Purchase or collect new supplies.
2. Place supplies needed in the large birthday bag.
3. Mark bags by age and gender they are intended for.
4. Bring completed kits to the United Way to be distributed to agencies and clients who need them.

## REFLECTION

Families who are faced with financial stress have hard choices to make! Purchasing the supplies to celebrate a birthday with a party may mean falling short in gas or groceries. By providing Birthday In A Bag you are helping these families to stretch their dollars.

1. How do you celebrate your birthday with your family?
2. How do you think this project will impact the families served?