

# VOLUNTEER WORK THAT MAKES AN IMPACT

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## HYGIENE KITS

Hygiene items are needed for the health and wellbeing of our homeless and at-risk neighbors in Marion County. The below items can be assembled at-home or hold a donation drive and then coordinate a group volunteer project to pack Hygiene Kits:

### TRAVEL SIZE HYGIENE ITEMS:

- Shampoo & Conditioner (or 2-in-1)
  - Bar soap or body wash
  - Toothpaste
  - Toothbrush
- Floss or floss picks
- Brush or comb
  - Razor
  - Deodorant
- Feminine products



### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1-gallon sized Ziploc bags
- Sharpies to write on bags
  - Boxes or bins to place completed kits in for pick-up/delivery
- Travel size hygiene items

## ASSEMBLING YOUR KITS

Once you have purchased and collected all the necessary items, start planning your assembly!

### FOR A GROUP VOLUNTEER PROJECT:

- You will need a space with enough room to spread out items in an assembly line format for volunteers to move through to build kits.
- Clearly indicate at each station how many of each item should go into a kit.
- Volunteers should start with one 1-gallon bag and a Sharpie to indicate on the bag if the kit is for a female or male.
- Have boxes or bins available to put completed kits in for storage and transport, please sort by female and male.
- Finish assembling your kits and contact [vtorres@uwmc.org](mailto:vtorres@uwmc.org) for delivery information.

## MORE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

You can make a monetary donation to fund Hygiene Kit via [www.volunteermarioncounty.org/virtual-volunteering](http://www.volunteermarioncounty.org/virtual-volunteering).

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## SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

With school disruptions, virtual learning, and the economic hardship many families are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students need your help more than ever. Regardless of how each school and early learning center reopens, students will need school supplies to support academic achievement. **The more children are able to focus on learning, the more likely they are to stay on track and meet critical milestones. Help us make sure children have what they need to be successful!** Every backpack kit you purchase will go to a local student and provide the necessary tools they need to succeed. Your generosity helps ensure that children have what they need so they can focus on learning

### EACH KIT INCLUDES:

- 1 Backpack
- 1 Large pencil case
- 1 Spiral notebook
- 3 Folders
- 5 Pencils
- 3 Pens
- 3 Erasers
- Highlighters
- 1 Pencil sharpener with lid
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Box of 10 crayons
- 1 12" ruler
- 1 Scissors
- 5 Colored pencils

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## TEACHER KITS

Public school educators continue to spend their own money on a variety of supplies needed in the classroom along with providing items to students of low socio-economic status. The below items can be assembled at-home or hold a donation drive and then coordinate a group volunteer project to pack Teacher Kits:

### Teacher Kit Items:

- #2 pencils
- Blue/black pens
- Assorted color pens
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Travel size pack of tissues
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Post-it note pad
- Bandages
- Pack of gum

### Supplies Needed:

- Medium size gift bags, reusable shopping tote, or one-gallon sized Ziploc bags
- Boxes to place completed kits in for pick-up/delivery
- Teacher kit items

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## POWER PACK KITS

Children of low-income families in our Suncoast region struggle with hunger and rely on free school breakfast and lunch for foundational nutrition. Assembling Power Pack Kits can provide nutritious, easy-to-prepare food items for children to take home for the weekend and is a great way to change the story for these kids. The below items can be assembled at-home or hold a donation drive and then coordinate a group volunteer project to pack Power Pack Kits

### POWER PACK ITEMS:

#### BREAKFAST:

- Individual cereal packets (high-fiber/low-sugar)
- Individual oatmeal packets (high-fiber/low-sugar)
- Granola or protein bars
- Lunch/Dinner
- Low sodium soup with vegetables
- Dinner meals (Hormel Completes Kids Meals,
- Chef Boyardee Whole Grain
- Lasagna, etc.)
- Chicken, tuna or salmon meal kits (packed in water)
- Instant packets of brown or wild rice
- Whole grain or whole wheat pasta products

#### SNACKS

- Baked chips
- Individual boxes of raisins or other dried or freeze-dried fruit
- Individual packets of nuts or trail mix
- Individual peanut butter packs

#### BEVERAGES

- Shelf-stable milk boxes
- High-nutrition, low-sugar juices

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Gallon size plastic bags(the kind you close with a bread tie)
- Boxes to place completed kits in for pick-up/delivery
- Food items

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FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES





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