

CHEERFUL GIVERS EVENT LEADER



Thank you for your interest in hosting a Cheerful Givers event! Puget Sound has a great need for people like you who are willing to donate time, money, or toys to bring smiles to the faces of less fortunate children on their birthdays!

EVENT LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Standard:

1. Recruit people to make bags – coworkers, family members, friends, teammates, classmates, etc
2. Arrange date, time, and location for the Birthday Bag Blitz
3. Provide team members with information about Cheerful Givers and a list of suggested items
 - a. Remind them that gifts should be small, gender-neutral, and appropriate for kids ages 3-12
 - b. Provide a suggested number of gifts to bring based on how many bags you want to make
4. Make sure gift bags, tissue paper, ribbon, and scissors are available for Blitz
5. Have fun making bags!
6. Speak with Puget Sound Coordinator about arranging delivery to social service agency
7. Report your Blitz on the Cheerful Givers website

Optional:

1. Provide food and/or drinks for Blitz
2. Provide music for Blitz

SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS:

Age:

Cheerful Givers creates bags for children ages 3-12. The bags are not separated by age group so it is important that all gift items are appropriate for kids as young as 3 and old as 12.

Gender:

Cheerful Givers bags are not separated by gender. In other words, Cheerful Givers does not make “girl” bags and “boy” bags because it is difficult for social service agencies to ensure that kids get the right kind of bag. Therefore, all gift items must be appropriate for both girls and boys.

Size:

Items need to be small enough to fit into a standard-size gift bag.

Quantity:

Aim for 9-12 gift items per bag – totaling about \$5 - \$10 per bag.

Time:

Cheerful Givers cannot guarantee that bags will be distributed during a certain time of the year. Therefore, it is important that items not be associated with particular holidays or seasons.

Sample Gift Items:

1. Crayons
2. Markers
3. Neat pens or pencils
4. Small coloring books
5. Small notepads
6. Mini puzzles
7. Stickers
8. Whistles or kazoos
9. Mini-Frisbees
10. Bubbles
11. Small stuffed animals
12. Finger puppets
13. Silly putty
14. Decks of cards
15. Candy
16. Fun Fruit snacks
17. Fun straws
18. Play-Doh
19. Bouncy balls
20. Novelty toys

SUGGESTED STORES:

1. Party Stores (Party City, Everything Party, etc)
2. Craft Stores (Michaels, Jo-Ann Fabric, etc)
3. Retail Stores (Fred Meyer, Target, etc)
4. Online Stores (amcsalesinc.com, ustoy.com, orientaltrading.com, etc)
5. Other (Dollar stores)

TO LEARN MORE:

Cheerful Givers homepage

<http://www.cheerfulgivers.org/washington/>

Article in Redmond Reporter

http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/red/lifestyle/70311327.html

Cheerful Givers 2008 annual report

<http://www.cheerfulgivers.org/about/annual-report/>

Article in People magazine

<http://www.cheerfulgivers.org/2005/03/happier-birthdays/>

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Thank you for considering this important work!