



Bringing Hope to Children in Foster Care

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VOLUNTEER **AT** HOME



Arizona Helping Hands (AHH) wants to offer our sincerest thanks for playing an important role in Bringing Hope to Children in Foster Care. At AHH, we believe every child deserves to feel safe and loved. By participating in an at-home service project, you are assisting us in our mission to provide essential needs for children in foster care through our programs promoting safety, permanency, and health.

This packet consists of various ideas to inspire you to get involved. Every activity in this packet can be made and donated to meet community service hour requirements. The packet also contains options for hosting a drive in your community, organization, or school.

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Decorating Birthday Dreams Bags

Arizona Helping Hands (AHH) provides a custom decorated bag to make each child feel special and loved on their birthday. These bags will be used for boys and girls turning 1-12. There is a \$1 donation for every bag picked up to cover material costs.

SUPPLIES

- ✓ White Birthday Bag (pick up at AHH)
- ✓ Birthday Bag Traceable Templates (pick up at AHH)
- ✓ Coloring Supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Collect birthday bags and templates from AHH.
- 2) Decorate both sides of the white bag.
- 3) Include "Happy Birthday" on at least one side of the bag.
- 4) Return completed bags to AHH.



ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME:
1 hour - 10 Birthday Dreams Bags

Birthday Party in a Bag

Arizona Helping Hands (AHH) provides a Birthday Party in a Bag with all of our Birthday Dreams gift packages. Many children in foster care have never had the opportunity to celebrate a birthday before. A Birthday Party in a Bag provides a child with a celebration to accompany the gifts they receive.

Supplies

- ✓ Birthday Bag
- ✓ Boxed Cake Mix
- ✓ 1 Tub Cake Frosting
- ✓ 1 Aluminum Cake Pan
- ✓ 1 Pack Birthday Candles
- ✓ Minimum of 4 Birthday Decorations (streamers, balloons, party favors, hats, etc.)
- ✓ Optional: *Encouraging non-religious note*

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Collect or purchase the items listed above.
- 2) Fill the birthday bag with all the items.
- 3) Optional: *Write a non-religious birthday message to place in the birthday bag.*
- 4) Return completed bags to AHH.



ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME:
1 hour - 10 Birthday Parties in a Bag