

WHAT IS A FAMILY BASKET?

The Family Basket is created to support families with essentials that EBT doesn't cover, like household supplies and personal care products. Each basket begins with a laundry basket filled with helpful items to ease financial stress, along with a special treat to bring a little joy to parents or guardians. We've listed some suggested items below, but donors are encouraged to contribute whatever they can.

Shampoo & Conditioner	Body Wash – Bars of Soap
Deodorant (for men and women)	Dental care kits (toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash)
Feminine Hygiene Products	Hand Soap & Hand Sanitizer
Shaving Kits (razors & shaving cream for men & women)	Sunscreen
Dishwashing Kits (dish soaps, sponges, scrubbers)	Laundry Kit (laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets)
Household Cleaning supplies	Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags)
Vitamins or Supplements	First Aid Kit
Over the counter medicine (e.g. pain relievers, allergy medicine)	Reusable Water Bottles
Flashlight & Batteries	Face Wash & Moisturizer
Hairbrush, Comb and/or styling products	Nail Care Kits (nail clippers, files, cuticle oil)
Plastic storage bags, small storage containers	

Something Special for the Parents or Guardians:

In addition to essentials, we want to make sure parents and guardians feel appreciated and cared for. Each basket will include one or more special items, such as:

- **Spa or Massage Gift Card** – for a relaxing treatment at a local spa.
- **Coffee Shop Gift Card** – for Starbucks, Dunkin', or a local cafe, to enjoy a warm drink and a peaceful moment.
- **Beauty Store Gift Card** – to ULTA or Sephora for a little self-indulgence with skincare or makeup.
- **Bookstore Gift Card** – for Barnes & Noble or Amazon, allowing them to pick out a new book or journal.
- **Movie Theater Gift Card** – for an evening out to see a movie of their choice.
- **Restaurant Gift Card** – for a night off from cooking with a meal from a favorite restaurant.
- **Retail Gift Card** – for Target, Walmart, Bath & Body Works or another local store.
- **Craft or Hobby Store Gift Card** – for Michaels, Hobby Lobby or JOANN Fabrics, so they can pick up supplies for a creative project or hobby.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us bring holiday magic to families in need!

How to Contribute:

- **Assemble and Donate a Basket:** Donors can create a full Family Basket by gathering essential and special items from the list;
- **Monetary Donation:** Donors can contribute funds that will go toward creating Family Baskets; and
- **Gift Card Donations:** Donors can provide gift cards, which will be included in the baskets for families to use for personal care or to purchase gifts.

MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA:

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