



## Christmas Backpack Care Packages

This year, a number of the churches here on Cape Ann are working together again this Christmas to offer tangible help to people in crisis or in need, specifically those serviced by the Action shelter.

**ACTION** INC.

This current initiative aims to provide 60 "Christmas gifts" for the shelter -- backpacks filled with travel toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, disposable razors, deodorant, body lotion, feminine care products, floss, toothbrushes, and toothpaste), as well as blankets, socks, and underwear. Action said we could give make-up products also, but that those would go into a general "pot" from which guests could choose what they liked.

Our total goal for all the churches is to see 60 backpacks filled with at least one of each toiletry item, one blanket, and a pack of socks and underwear. Our goal at Community Church is to collect enough for 15 backpacks. The Orthodox Congregational Church in Lanesville is taking the lead on this initiative, and they have committed to purchasing all the backpacks, providing a small New Testament for each one, and to organize the final packing and collection efforts.

**If you would like to take care of the contents of an entire backpack, or to donate towards to cost of the backpacks themselves, fill out the tear-off slip below and put it in the offering plate to let us know! Otherwise, simply bring in your items for donation and add them to the pile on the table in the foyer by December 16th at the latest.**

We will be collecting donations in the foyer of the church on:

December 2nd,  
December 9th, and  
December 16th.



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## Backpack for Men:

(at least one of each of the following)

- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- floss
- one package of 10-15 disposable razors
- travel-size shaving cream
- travel-size shampoo
- travel size conditioner
- travel size body wash
- full-size deodorant
- blanket

## Backpack for Women:

(at least one of each of the following)

- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- floss
- one pack of pads/liners
- one package of 10-15 disposable razors
- travel-size shaving cream
- travel-size shampoo
- travel size conditioner
- travel size body wash
- full-size deodorant
- blanket

## Additional Donations

(to be distributed separate from the backpacks as needed and as requested by size or preference)

- 3-5 pack plain white men's underwear (sizes M, L, XL, XXL)
- 3-5 pack plain white women's underwear (sizes M, L, XL, XXL)
- 5-10 pack plain white men and women's socks (again, various sizes are being collected)
- make-up (including foundation, eyeliner, mascara, lipstick, chapstick, powder, etc.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will provide the contents for one complete backpack, incl. undergarments and socks. (Do not buy a backpack; they are being provided for us.)

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of the backpacks and the New Testaments that will be included in each backpack. (Make checks payable to Community Church, with Action Backpacks in the memo line and submit with this slip.)

