Group Volunteerism at

Center *for*
Transforming Lives



IN-KIND DRIVE BY SEASON

Winter

Coat Drive (November)
During the colder months, groups can help collect new hoodies, sweaters, and coats to ensure children and families have the clothing they need to stay warm.

Home for the Holidays (December)
Home for the Holidays focuses on helping families create a stable and welcoming home environment. Donations support Welcome Home Kits, furniture assistance and other household essentials for families transitioning into stability.

Fuel the Love (January and February)
Fuel the Love helps meet critical transportation needs for families throughout the year. Gift cards and financial donations support ride-share and fuel assistance that can impact a family's ability to work, attend school, seek medical care or access services.

Spring

Clean Out Help Out (Spring and Winter Cleaning)
This focused community-wide drive, held twice a year, encourages supporters to donate gently used clothing, housewares and small furniture items to The Resale Shop. (The Resale Shop accepts donations year-round during normal business hours of Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.)

Hope in Every Bundle (Mother's Day)
Groups can support new mothers by assembling kits filled with practical and comforting items for mothers welcoming a new baby.

Little Wings, Big Dreams (May Graduation and Summer School Supplies)
This annual backpack and school supply drive helps equip children with the supplies they need for a successful school year. Groups can donate items and/or help assemble backpacks.





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Summer

Hygiene Kit Drive (June)
During the hot summer months, hygiene supplies are especially appreciated. Groups can assemble hygiene kits that provide practical support and promote dignity and wellness.

Office Supply Kit Drive (July)
Office Supply Kits provide our Small Business Program participants with basic tools for work, school and entrepreneurship.

Back-to-School Book Fair (August)
Help kick off the school year with books! Volunteers can help with set up and tear down, assist children shopping for a book, be a reading partner, donate books or financially donate to cover the cost of books and supplies.

Fall

Self-Care Kit Drive (October)
Self-Care Kits are designed to encourage rest and wellness. Groups can assemble kits containing items such as journals, candles, fuzzy socks, eye masks and other comforting products that promote self-care and encouragement for someone healing from trauma.

Home Cleaning Supply Drive (November)
Groups can collect cleaning products that help families maintain clean and healthy homes. This relieves some of the burden of the household shopping list to free up resources for participants to build financial resiliency as they work to improve their lives.

Gift Card Drive (December)
Gift cards from retailers such as Walmart or Aldi allow participants to purchase essentials for their families and free up resources for them to build financial independence.






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YEAR-ROUND OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Bowie Location: The Resale Shop

Groups can help with donation intake, sorting and organizing merchandise, pricing items and preparing inventory for the sales floor.
The Resale Shop is open Monday - Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Riverside Campus: Child Development Center

Groups can read with children, assist with classroom activities or playing on the playground and help create memorable experiences through classroom parties and special events.
Opportunity timeframe is Monday - Friday, typically in the morning.

QUARTERLY IN-KIND DRIVES

Book Drive

Support a love of reading by collecting books for children ages 0-5 enrolled in our 44 classrooms.

Change of Clothes Drive

Accidents happen! Having an extra set of clothes readily available during the day is a great aid to our teachers. Support by assembling bags containing a complete change of clothing ages 0-5.

Take-Home Activity Bags

Groups can make themed activity bags filled with materials for educational and fun activities for children to enjoy with their families at home. These activity bags help parents re-enforce lessons taught in classrooms and fosters valuable one-on-one time with their children.

Assembly Days (On or Off Campus)

Assembly Days provide an opportunity for groups to come together and make a tangible impact by assembling some of our most-needed kits. Groups can assembly either at the Riverside Campus in the distribution center, at your place of business or group gathering.

Due to limited storage, we coordinate in-kind drives to move through our Distribution Center in response to current need. Any of the "In-kind By Season" initiatives can be done throughout the year as the need arises. Please coordinate with our team ahead of time for the most up-to-date list of needs of the mothers and children we serve.

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