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Dear Friends,

Believe it or not, spring is right around the corner and the Easter Bunny will soon be arriving as well! This year, Easter falls on Sunday, April 21st. I am sending this letter out to you in hopes that you will be able to once again participate in our Easter/Spring Basket Project.

Every year, the Macomb County Department of Human Services seeks individuals and groups in the community to help us provide Easter baskets to foster care/disadvantaged children and Spring baskets to seniors/disabled adults. I have enclosed information describing both projects.

Many of you have been past contributors to this project or to other DHS programs. On behalf of the families that we serve, I'd like to extend our sincere appreciation for your kindness. Many children, adults, and seniors have benefited from your generosity and compassion.

We will begin collecting Easter Baskets and Spring Baskets as soon as this letter reaches you up until Thursday, April 10th. This will give our caseworkers adequate time to distribute the baskets to the children and seniors before the Easter holiday. As usual, the drop off location is our Central Administration office, located at 19700 Hall Rd., Suite A, Clinton Township, MI 48035. We are located on the south side of Hall Rd between Romeo Plank and Heydenreich in the Macomb Center Building. Drop off hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. **Please park by the door closest to the flag pole and enter at that location.**

Because both of these projects run simultaneously with our annual Prom Event, I've included information on that as well. Even if you can't help with any of the items needed for this event, perhaps you would kindly spread the word to those within your social network. Many of our teens in foster care and those living in low income households simply can't afford to purchase formal wear to attend their prom. Since there are so many beautiful gowns that are sitting in closets never to be worn again, we are seeking donations to help our youth experience this once in a lifetime occasion. Last year, over 400 dresses were collected and making it possible for over one hundred disadvantaged teens enjoy this special occasion.

Thank you for your consideration in participating in these projects and for helping bring joy and happiness to the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

With sincere appreciation,

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Easter Baskets for Disadvantaged Children

During the Easter season, Macomb County Department of Human Services looks to the community for help provide Easter baskets for foster care and other disadvantaged children. These children, many of whom have never received a visit from the Easter bunny, are always delighted with their surprise. Anyone in the community can assist with this project by making up baskets filled with candy, small toys, and other creative items. This project makes a wonderful community service event for schools, churches, scouting groups or businesses wanting to brighten a child's day. The following is a suggestion for basket "stuffers." Feel free to be creative. Please ensure that each basket is **securely labeled with age and gender and is wrapped with cellophane or tulle** to keep items intact during transport and delivery.

Children 2 to 6 years old

Soft Easter candy
Chocolate
Suckers
Coloring books, Sticker books
Crayons, markers, play dough
G-rated children's DVD's

Story Books
Small toys (Barbies, Legos, matchbox cars, balls)
Small purses
Small stuffed animals
Hair trinkets
Bubbles, sidewalk chalk, stickers, stamp pads

Children 7 to 12 years old

Easter candy
Chocolate
Bubble gum
Suckers
Activity Books
Hair trinkets
Age appropriate DVD's

Art Supplies
Inexpensive jewelry
Small toys (Uno, jacks, yo-yo's)
Small purses, wallets
Water bottles
Comb/brush set
Baseball caps and sports accessories

Teens 12 to 17 years old

Easter candy
Chocolate
Gum, mints
Activity Books
Hair trinkets
Fast Food Gift Cards
Baseball caps, Frisbee
Drinks: Flavored Water, Canned Pop, Ice Teas

Nail polish, lip gloss
Art Supplies
Bath and Body Products
Comb/brush set
Manicure set
Wallet

The Volunteer Services office of the Department of Human Services is sponsoring this project. Please allow us at least one week to deliver the baskets to the children. **Baskets will be collected at the following location now until April 10, 2014.**

For further information please contact:

Karen Urquhart, Community Resource Coordinator
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Clinton Township, MI 48038 (586) 412-6114 or urquhartk@michigan.gov

Thank you for your support!!





Spring Baskets

for Isolated Seniors and Disabled Adults

There are many disabled adults and isolated seniors in Macomb County that are isolated without family or friends. Every Spring, our Community Resource Program sponsors a project that is designed to help these residents feel special and cared about. Anyone in the community can assist in this project by making up an entire basket filled with a variety of essential and comfort items. As a general guide, the following items make great basket stuffers, but we also encourage creativity in your selections! We ask that baskets are **labeled by gender and wrapped in cellophane or tulle** to keep items intact during transport and distribution.

Women

Washcloth/towel
Chocolates/Candy
Crackers/Snacks
Coffee/Tea
Bath and Body Items
Deodorant
Comb/Brush Set
Hand Lotion
Stationary/Envelopes

Manicure Kit
Small Flashlight
w/batteries
Magazines/Books
Pens
Calendar
Socks
Coffee Mug
Postage Stamps

Men

Washcloth/towel
Chocolates/Candy
Crackers/Snacks
Coffee/Tea/Cookies
Pens
Deck of cards
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Calendar

Manicure Kit
Deodorant Soap
Comb/Mirror
Postage Stamps
Socks
Flashlight with
Batteries
Hand Treatment
Deodorant

This project is sponsored by the Adult Services and Volunteer Services Programs of the Macomb County Department of Human Services. Filled baskets will be collected at the following location from now until **April 10, 2014**.

Macomb County DHS-Central Administration
19700 Hall Rd. Ste. A
Clinton Township, MI 48038

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