

Breaking Free Donation Drive Calendar 2011

Each month has a theme

<p>January- Everything Baby!</p> <p>Diapers, wipes, baby food and formula, baby Tylenol, strollers, highchairs, car seats, baby baths, bottles and bottle brushes, blankets, rattles, toys, books, diaper bags, clothes</p> <p>*Tuition Scholarships*</p>	<p>February- By-the-Pound</p> <p>Sugar, flour, peanut butter, rice, pasta, nuts, grits, coffee, chips and snacks, butter, detergent, meat, fruits and vegetables</p> <p>*Valentine Treats*</p>	<p>March- Spring Cleaning</p> <p>Cleansers, cleaning products, bleach, scrubbing powders, rubber gloves, magic erasers, mops, buckets, brooms, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish washing liquid for regular sinks and dishwashers</p> <p>*Umbrellas*</p>
<p>April- The Bathroom</p> <p>Manicure kits, bath items, make-up, lotion, African American hair items, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, sunscreen, First Aid supplies, thermometers, Pepto Bismol, Tums & Roloids, Ibuprofen, allergy medicines, cough syrup, cotton balls, Q-tips, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper</p> <p>*Easter Baskets*</p>	<p>May- The Linen Closet</p> <p>Towels (bath and kitchen), bathmats, comforters, blankets, pillows, sheets, shower curtains, area rugs, curtains, door mats, napkins, placemats, tablecloths</p> <p>*Mother's Day Cards*</p>	<p>June- Hobbies and Sports</p> <p>Puzzles, games, music, gardening supplies (potting soil, seeds, rakes, trowels), active wear, balls, helmets & pads, bikes, musical instruments, bird baths & feeders, journals & pens, art & craft supplies (construction paper, markers, stickers, craft sticks, glitter, yarn, old magazines)</p> <p>*Tickets to a performance*</p>
<p>July- Library and School</p> <p>Books, notebook paper, folders, spiral notebooks, glue, scissors, 16-pack crayons, colored pencils, calculators, protractors, compasses, folders, loose leaf paper, binders, rulers, erasers, backpacks, lunch boxes, gift cards for clothing, socks, shoes, and underwear.</p> <p>*Birthday Party Supplies*</p>	<p>August- 24/7</p> <p>Morning items: robes, underwear & bras, tea kettle, coffee maker, filters, coffee, tea, sugar, creamers, breakfast foods (cereal, eggs, etc)</p> <p>Nighttime Items: pots, pans, cooking spoons, knives, steamer, wok, dinner foods, pajamas & nightgowns, alarm clocks, bath products</p> <p>*Flashlights & Nightlights*</p>	<p>September- Gift Cards</p> <p>Cards for gas, superstores, pharmacies, phone cards (long distance & pre-paid mobile), entertainment (movies & movie rentals), clothing stores, discount stores, toy stores</p> <p>*Shoes*</p>
<p>October- I'm every woman</p> <p>Underwear & bras, feminine hygiene products, make-up, hair products, barrettes and other hair accessories, personal care items, perfume, watches</p> <p>*Costumes & Candy*</p>	<p>November- Paper or Plastic?</p> <p>Paper plates, plastic & Styrofoam cups, plastic table wear, paper towels, napkins, zip lock baggies (in sandwich, quart, and gallon sizes) trash bags, aluminum foil, wax paper, plastic wrap</p> <p>*Thanksgiving Food*</p>	<p>December- Holly & Jolly Holidays</p> <p>Gifts, ornaments, wreaths, bows, gift wrap holiday foods, ethnic foods and ingredients, gift certificates to superstores</p> <p>*Adopt-A-family*</p>

Any of these can also be used as a group activity to do fun donations drive at your church or small group.

Another fun idea is to create gift baskets with a variety of the items listed that we can give to women and families as they arrive to Breaking Free or as needed for special occasion.

Gifts cards to Wal-mart, Target and Cub are also always needed. You can also visit our “Club Wed” Registry at Target for a list of updated household items needed.

- 1. Just create an e-mail or go to our website www.breakingfree.net to download the donations calendar file**
- 2. Publicize it to your friends, family, church and/or group**
- 3. Arrange a drop off locations and time/day**
- 4. Package it all up and call our e-mail to arrange a drop off**

612-644-7043 or donations@breakingfree.net

Our office is typically open M-F 9:30-5:00 but we are a very small staff and sometimes need to close unexpectedly due to emergencies. If you need assistance with a pick-up or other time of day please use the contact information above.

Thank you!