

# ROTARY CARES PROJECT

Helping our most cherished and vulnerable neighbors

In these unpredictable times, our hearts go out to help our neighbors in need, especially our youngest children. Each year somewhere around two hundred elementary school students in Fort Lauderdale experience homelessness. This situation is made worse during this pandemic. The City of Fort Lauderdale, the Rotary of Fort Lauderdale, and other local partners are collecting food and comfort items for personalized family care packages. The parcels will provide school supplies and minimum necessities for a dignified, safe and healthy life to homeless families. The collaborative effort aims to provide what the family needs, not what we got. Our local schools' liaisons will provide the parent a voucher that can be redeemed weekly at their school or other designated location and at a larger monthly food distribution.

## Please help us and collect these new or gently used items:

### Hygiene Items:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Comb
- Hand sanitizer
- Chap stick
- Shaving cream
- Disposable Razors
- Q-Tips
- Facial tissue paper
- Lotion
- Feminine Hygiene
- Diapers
  - Adult
  - Baby

### Cleaning supplies:

- Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Disinfectant cleaner
- Bleach
- Scrub brush
- Odor eliminators

### Clothing Items:

- New Socks
- New Underwear
  - Ladies
  - Gents
  - Kids

- Diapers
- T-shirts
- Bras
- Shirts
- Suits
- Pants
- Shoes, sneakers

### Comfort Items:

- Face Masks
- Latex gloves
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Books
- Board games
- Toys
- Coloring books
- Crayons
- Note pad
- Ear plugs
- Pens
- Zip lock bags
- Words of Encouragement
- First Aid Kits
- Gift cards for services
  - Barber/ Hairstylist
  - Heath services
  - Clothing
- Towels
- Wash Cloth
- Back packs

- Ladies bags
- Suitcases

### Food Items:

- Bottled water
- Soft drinks
- Packaged snacks
- Non-perishable food
- Canned food
- Baby food
- Plastic Utensils
- Packaged condiments
- Paper plates
- Napkins

### Over-The-Counter Medicines:

- Pain Relief
- Allergy Relief
- Nasal Relief
- Muscle Rub
- Anti-Itch cream
- Antibiotic ointment
- Cold and Flu
- Antacid medicine

### School supplies:

- Back packs and bags
- Pencils, Pen
- Notebooks
- Lunch boxes
- Craft materials
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