



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Easter Baskets Needed for LSSI's Head Start Students

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois' (LSSI) Head Start programs are for children aged 3 to 5 years old, with or without disabilities. LSSI's Head Start programs provide services to economically disadvantaged children and families, and have a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. The curriculum covers the ABCs, numbers, shapes, colors, counting, computers, early math, reading, science, table manners, nutrition, tooth-brushing, socialization skills and much more.

This year, we are once again seeking donations of filled Easter baskets to give to our Head Start students. Creating these baskets is a great way for kids, families, co-workers, bible study groups, confirmation classes or scouts to work together on a fun and thoughtful project that will bring smiles to our Head Start kids.

We ask that you limit the items in the Easter baskets to no more than six (not counting the basket/bucket or grass, so that all baskets are similar. Here are some suggestions for making a **great Easter basket**:

- One small basket or plastic bucket
- Easter grass
- Coloring books
- Puzzles
- Plastic eggs filled with candy
- Play-DOH
- Wrapped candy
- Crayons
- Hot Wheels
- Silly Straws
- Small stuffed animals
- Fun socks
- Yo-yos
- Trading cards: baseball, football, etc.
- Playing cards
- Flash cards
- Bubbles
- Jump ropes
- Food gift certificates
- Family-oriented DVDs
- Flavored lip balm
- Hand-held games (inexpensive)
- Books

We ask donors to deliver their filled baskets to our office at 1001 E. Touhy Avenue, Suite 50, Des Plaines, on or before Monday, March 19, 2012, to ensure we have enough baskets for all the children. This will also give the Head Start directors time to pick up the baskets.

To donate or for more information, contact:
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