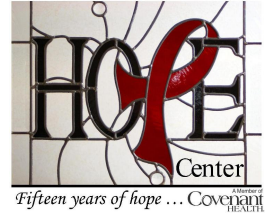




How the Hope Center's "Hope Bucket" began

Having attended his last Hope Center Holiday party in 1999, Chucky Moyers was disheartened by the lack of support for the adult patients. His sister, Carol-Ann McMillian, discussed her idea of a "Hope Bucket" with him and he thought it was great. After his death in 2000, she made this her top priority.

With help from family & friends, she started the "Hope Bucket" program. As the program grew, Carol-Ann issued a guideline sheet to invite friends in the community to support the project.



Carol-Ann's Hope Bucket Guidelines:

Please remove all tags and make sure all items fit in the bucket. Arrange the items to look appealing, and add ribbon if you'd like, but no nametags. Please put items in the buckets that could be used by either a male or female. Do not enclose or wrap the bucket. Because we respect the patient's individual beliefs and values, we ask that no religious references are included. Please do not deviate from the recommendations or make substitutions.

Hope Bucket Items Recommended:

Bucket – 5 gallon size is ideal
Deodorant
Razors – 3-pack package
Book of 10 postage stamps
Comb and/or brush
Envelopes – 1 box
Soap/Antibacterial gel
Small throw for legs
\$5 gift card (grocery store)
Hand lotion
Knit stretch gloves - unisex
Box of Kleenex
Chapstick
Individually wrapped hard candy
Writing pens/note pad
Shampoo
2011 Calendar – pocket, wall, or desk
Toothbrush & toothpaste
Tube socks – 6-pair package
Word Find Book

The purpose of the Hope Buckets is to give a gift useful to patients with HIV. Our greatest challenge with this project is to offer items that are suitable for early diagnosed patients as well as late stage. There are specific reasons for each item on the list. For example, food is not on the list, but hard candy is appropriate.

The BUCKET must be a bucket with a handle, not a basket, not a bag, not a box. It sometimes becomes essential for late-stage patients. Because of nausea, Chucky carried a bucket with him everywhere the last several months of his life; thus, the idea of a bucket was born for this project.

Most of the items can be found at Big Lots, Dollar General Store, Kmart, Target, or Wal-Mart.

Thank you for supporting this project anonymously, on behalf of Dr. Gillian and the Hope Center. I know how much a gift means to someone who realizes that it may be their last Christmas, and believe me, your kindness will be long remembered!

My heartfelt thanks to you,
Carol-Ann McMillian,
Hope Bucket Founder/Coordinator

The drop off locations for Hope Buckets are:

Central Baptist Church of Bearden is located on Kingston Pike, across from Krispy Kreme Donuts. Hope Buckets can be dropped in the Family Activities Center, located at the West End of the church building where the circle drive is located. **Deadline to drop off at Church is Friday, December 2.** We thank them for providing this drop-off location!

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church is located at 9132 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN. Park in front of the playground and follow the signs to the office/reception area where receptionists sit. They can receive the Hope Buckets between 9:00 and 5:00. If after hours, please leave the bucket in front of the glass. **Deadline for bucket delivery is NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M on Thursday, December 8.**

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