



## Birthday in a Box



Thank you for your interest in providing a Birthday in a Box for a sick child or caregiver! No one wants to spend their birthday away from home – or worse yet, in the hospital. Unfortunately, due to long illnesses, that is exactly what many of our families are forced to do. Your special gift of birthday party supplies will go a long ways towards making the day a little more special.

An ideal Birthday in a Box would include all the supplies required for a small party for 4 or more. Make it fun and be creative. We have children and parents with us of all ages and backgrounds, so you really can't go wrong in choosing any color scheme or party theme. Your box is sure to please someone. 😊

This is a great activity for youth/teen groups. The boxes can be prepared in your own setting and dropped off at the house any day between 9 AM and 9 PM. These guidelines will help you plan a successful experience:

- ♥ Please use a reclosable, stackable box no bigger than 2' x 3' (copy paper sized). Box flaps must be able to close.
- ♥ Identify the party theme (i.e. SpongeBob, adult Over the Hill, sports, springtime) or color scheme (red, white and blue or plain purple).
- ♥ Include an inventory of contents on the outside of the box (i.e. 6 plates, 6 cups, 1 streamer, etc.).
- ♥ Only include non-toxic, non-perishable materials.
- ♥ Do not decorate the outside of the box.
- ♥ Any community service forms must be signed at the time of drop-off. **(No community restitution or court ordered volunteers can be accepted.)** We typically award one hour of service per box.
- ♥ Limit your donation to no more than 5 boxes at a time.
- ♥ Don't forget to fill out a donation form when you're at the House. 😊

Here are a few ideas to get you started, but your ideas are welcome! (It is not necessary to include all items.)

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| ♥ Cupcake papers                           | ♥ Streamers, confetti, banners, stickers or other decorations |
| ♥ Paper plates, cups, napkins              | ♥ Non-latex balloons  |
| ♥ Plastic cutlery, tablecover, centerpiece | ♥ Wrapping paper, gift bag, bows                              |
| ♥ Simple party games                       | ♥ Cards, invitations, thank you notes                         |
| ♥ Party hats, crowns                       | ♥ Tape  |
| ♥ Filled or unfilled goody bags            |   |
| ♥ Appropriate toys or party favors         |   |

Please **do not include** any:

- ♥ Potentially toxic or perishable items
- ♥ Opened packages or loose plates, cups, cutlery, etc.
- ♥ Sharp, fragile or breakable items
- ♥ Small toys which present a choking hazard
- ♥ Mylar balloons, piñatas or candles

**For the safety of our children and parents, ALL participants of this program should be healthy - free from fever, cough or colds, or stomach virus symptoms.**

Sincerely,

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