



HOST **A** FAMILY

IT'S YOUR DAY!!

Birthday Celebration Program

A Concrete, Hands-on Way to Make a Difference for a Child in Need in Stoughton, Oregon, Brooklyn or McFarland

It's hard for many of us to imagine celebrating a child's birthday without a party or presents. But for many of the families we serve, finding the extra money to afford a child's birthday celebration is a struggle at best, and frequently impossible. *It's YOUR Day!* is a Host A Family project designed to help by providing the basics for a small birthday party, a gift, and a book. It's as easy as **A, B, C, D.....**

A. Visit our website to see what age child needs a "party in a bag." Sign up for a specific child or sign up to donate some of the items the pantry can use to customize a bag. **Sign up** : <https://hostafamily.org/hosts/>

If you choose a specific child, continue on with B.

B. Each birthday bag should contain at least the items below for a party of 8 or more people. Next decorate your bag as you wish with markers, stickers, tissue paper, etc. to make it FESTIVE!

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| 1. cake mix, any flavor | 5. 9x13 disposable pan or cupcake pan/liners) |
| 2. can of frosting | 6. a banner/centerpiece or decoration |
| 3. 12 oz. can of soda (7 up or other) to make cake without eggs or oil | 7. 3 (or more) fun extras, ideas below – your choice! |
| 4. birthday candles, no matches! | |

..... **Fun extras**

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| a. Plates, napkins, cups | g. trading cards or stickers |
| b. birthday headband or button | h. freezer pops, candies, gum, crackers |
| c. Silly string, play dough | i. squirt or nerf guns |
| d. playing cards, glow sticks, bubbles | j. stuffed animals |
| e. crayons, markers, sidewalk chalk | k. any other special small items/toys |
| f. puzzles, games, word searches | l. birthday card with your message |

C. A Book! Children need and love books and should have a book to call their own! Add an age appropriate book, new or used in good shape.

D. A gift valued at \$10-15 or a gift card for that amount. We encourage gifts for younger children but realize older children are harder: a gift, fast food, movie or other gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, etc).

The typical cost for each Box or Bag is around \$25 or more, but how much you want to spend is up to you. Your wonderful gift will be distributed through the area Food Pantries or Human Services office and is **tax-deductible!** Contact us below for more information or receipts. To make a basket for:

Methodist Food Pantry Stoughton: contact **Bev Fergus 608-576-6563** or email IYDstoughton@hostafamily.org
McFarland Food Pantry: contact **Chrissy Fischer 608-279-6126** or email IYDmcfarland@hostafamily.org
Oregon-Brooklyn Food Pantry: contact **Kay Weeden 608-658-8523** or email IYDoregon@hostafamily.org