



Host A Family presents

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. Who is this for? Decide if the box (or gift bag) is for a boy or girl - or either. Next, decide the approximate age range. Label the bag with that info! (e.g. **Girl, age 2-5; Boy, age 14-16; Boy or Girl, any age!**)

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!

1. cake mix, any flavor
2. can of frosting
3. 12 oz. can of soda (7 up or other) to make cake with no eggs or oil
4. birthday candles, **no matches!**
5. 9x13 disposable pan or cupcake pan/liners)
6. a banner/centerpiece or decoration
7. Fun extras, 3 or more, see ideas below, your choices to add!

..... **Fun extras**

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

C. A Book! Children need and love books! Add an age appropriate book, new or used in good shape. (If you have additional books to donate so that they can be swapped, please let us know!)

D. A gift valued at \$10-15 or a gift card for that amount. We encourage gifts for younger children (may not fit inside the bag). ☒ Older children: Fast food, gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, etc), or a gift!

The typical cost for each Box or Bag is around \$25 or more, but how much you want to spend is up to you. It is also tax-deductible! Contact us for a receipt once you're done.

All gifts will be distributed through your local Food Pantry or Human Services Office. Instructions for delivery to the food pantry (or pick up from you, if needed) will be sent to you when you sign up online.

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