



Opportunities for Children to Give Back at Hesed House

We do not allow children under the age of 12 to volunteer at Hesed House; yet there are still many ways for kids to make a difference. Below please see some ideas that have worked great for others. We welcome other creative ideas you may have as well! Thank you for your understanding.

1. Have an “Immediate Needs” Drive:

- Please see the immediate needs list found on the right hand side of our homepage at www.hesedhouse.org and an even longer list under “view full needs list”
- Ask your local grocery store if they can donate paper bags to use for a drive.
- Write a quick note explaining to your neighbors, friends, and peers about why you are holding this drive - be sure to include a list of the items they can donate as well as a date they can leave the items out for you to collect.
- Once you have collected your items, please drop them off Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm to Hesed House located at 659 S River St in Aurora – Door B.
- If you are interested in a photo opportunity for potential use on our social media accounts, please send an email to drives@hesedhouse.org to request a time.

2. Decorate lunch bags for our guests!

- Find some paper lunch bags (brown or white) and some coloring materials.
- Gather a group of friends or classmates that are feeling creative and have fun decorating!
- We make about 100 sack lunches per day for our guests to take to school or work, and what is better than a bag that someone wrote a fun message on or colored a cool picture on?
- Once you have decorated your bags, please drop them off Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm to Hesed House located at 659 S River St in Aurora – Door B.

3. Host a Lemonade or Hot Chocolate stand:

- Set up a stand with your family & friends - make signs, and tell your customers that the proceeds of your stand will benefit over 1,000 men, women and children that stay at Hesed House each year.
- Once you have collected your proceeds, please drop them off Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm to Hesed House located at 659 S River St in Aurora – Door B.
- Be sure to take a picture at your stand for possible use on our social media accounts to highlight your awesome work!

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions on any of the opportunities listed above, please feel free to reach out to Hesed House Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Rebecca Einhaus at drives@hesedhouse.org or 630-897-2156, ext. 535.