



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:drives@hesedhouse.org) or 630-897-2156, ext. 535.