



We invite you to join us in putting together Kids' Bags!

Kids' Bags are distributed to every child in families that visit the Newton Food Pantry on Wednesday afternoons. The decorated bags are filled with a variety of child-friendly foods and drinks that can be enjoyed by kids for breakfast, lunch or as snacks.

Each Kids' Bag must include the following:

- 1 individual microwavable container of Mac & Cheese, microwavable Chef Boyardee spaghetti or similar pasta (2.5 to 5 oz serving size)
- 1 snack size fruit cup (oranges, peaches or mixed fruit)
- 1 fruit (apple sauce) or / & vegetable pouch
- 1 Organic crunchy rollers (14 oz size) or / & 1 instant oatmeal packet
- 1 granola bar, any kind (NO peanuts or nuts)
- 1 small single serving boxed milk (white or chocolate)
- 1 Capri Sun (or similar) 100% juice box or packet

In order to ensure that there are enough **Kids' Bags** for our clients every week, we ask that once you have filled 25 (or more!) **Kids' Bags**, please contact Marilyn Crone at kidsbags@newtonfoodpantry.org to confirm the number of bags you are filling and to make arrangements for drop off at the Newton Food Pantry. **Kids' Bags** volunteers meet one Saturday morning each month, when we can accept your pre-made bags. Or sign up as a volunteer and join us in one-hours shifts (8:30am, 9:30am or 10:30 am) to assemble bags.

Also, since children find so much joy in self-expression, it is our hope that filled bags will be "decorated" for all to enjoy, and that you will consider working with your child(ren), family members, neighbors, or groups on decorating **Kids' Bags**!



The guidelines for decorating bags are the following:

- White paper bags must be 8" x 4.75" x 10" with handles. These can be ordered on Amazon (similar to [here](#)), purchased at Michael's (similar to [here](#)) or email Marilyn to request bags for your group.
- All art must be secular and appropriate for all children in our diverse community. "Free art" is encouraged as are seasonal (winter, spring, etc.) themes, original patterns and designs. Please no representations of holidays.
- The use of drawing materials including markers, crayons, and colored pencils of different sizes, watercolor paints and a variety of stampers are encouraged.
- Children of all ages (toddlers–school age) will be receiving the snack bags. Therefore, we **CANNOT** accept bags that have **staples, tape, or any toxic materials (including glitter and glue)** on the bags.

If you are interested in joining us in this effort, please contact Marilyn Crone at kidsbags@newtonfoodpantry.org for more information. We thank you for your interest in **Kids' Bags** and are grateful for your support!