



## PROJECT NIGHT NIGHT

### Background Information

Project Night Night packages are provided free of charge to homeless children in shelters from birth to pre-teen who need childhood essentials to feel secure, cozy, ready to learn, and significant. Each Night Night Package contains a new security blanket, an age appropriate children's book and a stuffed animal – all nestled inside of a new canvas tote bag.

Each child who receives this package leaves a homeless shelter owning a book which encourages reading and family bonding, a security blanket which can be cuddled and a stuffed animal which can become a cherished friend.

### Blankets

Imagine a young child toting a blanket. Ideally, blankets should be about crib size 40 x 40 (based on the approximate age of the child) and able to fit in a canvas tote which measures 15½" x 15". Blankets must be new for sanitary reasons. They can be knit, crocheted, sewn or tie quilted and of any design or fabric. There is nothing more special than an item that was especially made for a child with care.

We also accept material that can be used for the quilts as we have some groups and individuals that are willing to sew for this project. Also needed is yarn that can be used to make more blankets.

### Books

Can be new or in 'like new condition'. All donated items should be of top quality ("good enough for your own child"). Ages would be 0-3 (Board books); 4-7 regular reading books and 8-11.

### Stuffed Animals

Can be new or in 'like new condition'. They should be huggable size (about 9" but no longer than 18") to fit inside the tote properly. The ideal stuffed animals would be snuggle size. Please – no beanie babies or similar tiny friends; no stuffed animals with battery compartments; no stuffed animals that make noises and no commemorative stuffed animals with years sewn on them.

### Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are welcome primarily for purchase of the totes (one tote costs \$3.50). Checks should be made payable to Marquette University.

### Other

We will accept beanie babies, coloring books and crayons, puzzles for young children, children's card games, rattles (all new or like new) and things of this nature. They can be put into the totes as extra special items if we are given these items but they will not be considered a primary item.

All items should be sent to Lumiere Hall 340 c/o Kathy Hawkins.

### Sponsorships Available

Sponsor a tote - \$10 (we will take care of a tote(s) in your name)

If you would like to donate toward the contents: Stuffed animals, books, blankets or the totes themselves, any amount is appreciated.