



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

Blankets can be store bought, knitted, crocheted, sewn, quilted or tied. Only requirement is that blankets be new for sanitary purposes for the children.

Sizes: 40 x 40 minimum size to a 40 x 60 approximate (Handmade)
Fleece totes 50 x 60 (store bought) will also work

Yarn (regular weight or baby or sport)

Material (fleece or flannel)

Gift cards for JoAnn Fabrics, Michaels, Hobby Lobby or any place that might have yarn and material.

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.

If possible please remove the price tags. Stores such as Hobo or Dollar Tree have a good variety and quality of books. Again, gift cards for any stores that carry children's books are greatly appreciated.

Stuffed Animals

Can be new or in 'like new condition' (we check out each stuffed animal carefully). The ideal starting size for a huggable stuffed animal is about 9" and they should be no longer than 18" to fit inside the tote properly. We also accept hand sewn, knit or crocheted stuffed animals.

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. Checks should be made payable to Marquette University.

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.

Contract: Kathleen.hawkins@marquette.edu if you have any questions.