



PROJECT NIGHT NIGHT

Background Information

Project Night Night packages are provided free of charge to children 12 years and under who are experiencing homelessness or other strenuous circumstances such that they are residing in a shelter. Each child who receives this tote bag leaves the shelter or agency owning a book which encourages reading and family bonding, a security blanket that can be cuddled, and a stuffed animal which can become a cherished friend.

Items in Kind Donation

All donated items should be of top quality and preferably new (“good enough for your own child”).

1. Blankets

Blankets can be store bought, knitted, crocheted, sewn, or quilted. *MUST be new for sanitary concerns.*

- *Size:* 30” x 30” minimum size (infants and toddlers) to 50” x 60” max. (pre-teens)
- *Material:* Yarn (regular weight or baby or sport) or Material (fleece or flannel)

2. Books

Ages would be 0-3 (board books); 4-7 (regular reading books) and 8-12 (short chapter books).

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

3. Stuffed Animals

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. *MUST be new for sanitary concerns.*

- Please, **NO** beanie babies or similar tiny friends; no stuffed animals with battery compartments or that make noises; no commemorative stuffed animals with years sewn on them.

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are welcome. If you would like to donate toward the contents: stuffed animals, books, blankets or the totes themselves, any amount is appreciated. A \$15 donation would sponsor one tote bag. Checks should be made payable to Marquette University.

Contact: Edi Kuhn at meredith.kuhn@marquette.edu if you have any questions. Items, labelled for Project Night Night, may be dropped off at the 2nd floor Information Desk in the Alumni Memorial Union.