

Fact Sheet: In-Kind Gifts

Our Gathering 2021 theme, Just Love, helps us to see the needs of our neighbors in a new way. In-kind gifts are more than charity or feel-good opportunity. These in-kind gifts are a way to practice Just Love.



Our Women of the ELCA purpose statement calls us to be there for each other. Through in-kind gifts, we connect Just Love with the lives of gift recipients in Phoenix and around the world. We can be there for them in relationship and partnership, and we can make a difference in the world.

You can focus on one in-kind gift or collect a variety. Make this a congregational unit activity and invite everyone in your congregation to practice just love. You might also spread the love

and invite family and friends to help you collect in-kind gifts.

The list of items was determined in community with the agencies and partners that will receive them. Please stick to the items on the list. The recipient agencies and organizations will lead the interactive servant events — learning opportunities — in the exhibit hall at the gathering.

Quilt kits

Quilts from these kits will be completed on-site and distributed through Lutheran World Relief.

Fill a gallon-size sealable plastic bag with the following:

- Twelve 21-inch squares of cotton fabric
- One spool of Coats & Clark Dual Duty thread to match fabric
- One piece of cotton fabric for backing: 2 ½ yards of 60" fabric or 5 yards of 35" – 45" fabric.

Please do not use fabric printed with religious symbols, U.S. flags, or military insignia.



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Quilt kits

**Sew Powerful
purse project kits**

Gift cards

Hygiene items

Diapers

Baby wipes

Sew Powerful purse project kits

Gathering participants will make Sew Powerful purses on site that will help keep girls in Zambia in school all month long. When girls receive a purse, they take The Sew Powerful Pledge – and promise to stay in school all month if they receive a purse filled with feminine hygiene supplies. (Visit welcatg.org for the Sew Powerful resource or [download it here](#)).

Fill a gallon-size sealable plastic bag with the following:

Fabric (washed) for the purse body

- 1½ yards 44" width or ½ yard 54" – 60" width
- Fabric (washed) for the purse lining
- 1/3 yard any width
- One spool of Coats & Clark Dual Duty thread to match fabric
- A personalized [Sew Powerful note card](#) (page 29 in the resource)
- Buttons, iron-on appliques, ribbon, etc., for personality

Teen girl appeal colors and prints preferred.

Gift cards, hygiene items, diapers and baby wipes

Other in-kind gifts recipient organizations will receive a combination of the following in-kind gifts.

- Gift cards (minimum value \$10) may be purchased from the following national retailers: Target, Walmart, Visa, Mastercard, Home Depot, Lowe's, Frys, and grocery stores, including Safeway, Sprouts, Kroger, and Los Altos Ranch Market. Many gift cards may be bought online.
- Several organizations receiving your in-kind gifts serve families. Various products are needed, especially in family size. Items needed include ethnic hair products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, razors, and skin lotion, for women, children, teens, and men. Also needed are hand soap, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene items (tampons and pads), towel sets (bath, hand, washcloth).
- Diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes economy size.

Items may be brought to the In-Kind Gifts area in the exhibit hall during the gathering on Aug. 5, 2021, where they will be sorted, counted, and packed. You can also mail them to the following address for arrival between May 15 and June 15, 2021:

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In-Kind Gifts
8765 W Higgins Road
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