



Friday, October 24, 2014

Dear Friends,

Giving back to others is a phrase we hear often, but can never act upon enough. At Proverbs & Wisdom, we have made this our mission: to encourage, enlighten, and empower the people around us. Our Compassion Project, an annual charity drive we host, is our way of touching lives and connecting communities.

This year for our Compassion Project we're excited about bringing joy to children diagnosed with childhood cancers and other catastrophic diseases. The children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital desire joy and love – just as any other child – and we are hoping you can help us brighten their holiday season.

Art has been proven to help children cope with traumatic experiences during hospitalization, and promote positive self-esteem. For the children at St. Jude's, we are collecting art supplies such as crayons, markers, stickers, and coloring books to assemble what the hospital calls "At Home Projects." The art supplies will be packaged together as an art kit and given to children while they are in the waiting room, or on an overnight stay.

This project is a great opportunity for you to host a get-together with friends, family, or church members. You can have music and food, ask everyone to bring a craft item (please refer to the list attached from St. Jude's for acceptable items) and have fun while working toward a great cause!

Here are the directions (provided by St. Jude's):

Fill a sealed zippered plastic bag with fun things a child or teen can do as they wait to visit the doctor. Make bags age-specific, but generic enough for a boy or a girl. Include things such as: crayons, markers, colored pencils, paper, coloring books, and stickers. (If you're unable to assemble a package, you can also donate single supplies: a box of crayons, a pack of stickers, etc.)

Children are a precious gift to us all. We hope you will help partner with us by bringing smiles and a package of love to these little ones.

Kindly mail all craft items by December 19<sup>th</sup> to:  
Proverbs & Wisdom  
ATTN: 2014 Compassion Drive  
P.O. Box 3019  
Garden City, NY 11531

Sincerely Yours,

Ashley Ormon  
Founder



## **Guidelines for craft packets as provided by St. Jude's:**

### **When assembling craft packets please remember that all materials have to be new.**

- Please use one gallon clear sealed zippered plastic bags as the packet for each craft.
- You should include all items necessary for the completion of the craft.
- Glue, scissors, crayons or markers should be placed in a separate clear sealed zippered plastic bag.
- Each craft packet should include instructions for doing your craft. The instruction sheet should be step by step and easy to follow. Please place it in the front of the bag for easy viewing. An illustration of the completed craft is preferred.

### **Please do not include:**

- Craft supplies cannot include latex balloons, candles, knives, toy guns, water guns, or other unsafe materials.
- Please avoid small objects that can be choking hazards.
- Please do not include food of any kind in the craft packets (i.e. beans, pasta, etc. that are often used for arts and crafts).
- Crafts should be religiously, politically, ethnically, and culturally neutral.
- Also avoid any threatening themes of crafts such as death, medical procedures, medical personnel, and illness.
- Please do not include any personal information such as the name of your organization, your name and address in the packets.