SIBLING ACTIVITY KITS

What is it?

Volunteers put together activity kits for siblings so they have something fun to do while the rest of the family focuses on bonding with their new baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Why is important?

Big brother and/or big sister have been a part of this journey to the NICU. Parents want each child to feel cared for and special. These activity kits go a long way in helping with just that, and when siblings come to the hospital they get their own little surprise!

HOW YOU CAN DO IT:

1. **SIGN UP**

2. **Do it:** Collect or purchase the items on the list and assemble the bags. Each bag should have each of the items listed.

3. **Personalize it:** Use one of the notes included in this toolkit, sign it only and add it to each kit.

4. **Donate:** Complete and please email (subject line: Sibling Activity Kits) the donation form included at the end of this toolkit to your March of Dimes staff contact or Patty Gentry with the March of Dimes at pgentry@marchofdimes.org. Please include a printed copy of the donation form in your shipment as well.

5. **Ship it:** Place the insert included inside your package. You can use any carrier you prefer. Shipping cost is at the volunteer’s expense.

   March of Dimes Fulfillment Center
   200 Charis Drive
   Moody, AL 35004

6. **Log hours and activity:** Go to your volunteer profile by logging in at GetInvolved.MarchofDimes.org to log hours and how many kits you assembled.

**TOOLS (ON BACK)**

- Materials Needed
- Kit Assembly Instructions
MATERIALS NEEDED

Collect the items below. You’ll need one of each of the items below for each kit. If you plan to make 10, collect 10 of each and so on.

• Large Zip Lock Storage Bags – Gallon Size
• Coloring book or Activity book (appropriate for kids)
• Crayons/Colored Pencils

ASSEMBLING THE KITS

As you begin to assemble each kit, you could follow these steps. Please be sure to keep each kit to one gallon size zip lock bag.

**STEP ONE**

Lay out each item you’ve collected on a table creating your assembly line. Don’t forget to cut out enough gift tags and sign your name!

**STEP TWO**

Grab a zip lock bag and insert each item into the bag. Adding one coloring book or activity book, crayons or colored pencils, the personalized gift tag, and then zip up the bag. Repeat until finished.

**STEP THREE**

Once you’ve assembled each kit, grab a shipping box and pack all the finished kits. Complete and please email (subject line: Sibling Activity Kits) the donation form included at the end of this toolkit to your March of Dimes staff contact or Patty Gentry with the March of Dimes at pgentry@marchofdimes.org. Please include a printed copy of the donation form in your shipment as well.

**STEP FOUR**

Place the insert included inside your package. Ship it to March of Dimes Fulfillment Center, 200 Charis Drive Moody, AL 35004
A gift for you.
FROM: MARCH OF DIMES
ITEM DONATION FORM – INDIVIDUAL

In order for individual donors to receive acknowledgement for their in-kind donation. Please provide the following information for each donor.

DONOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Donor name: __________________________ Donor signature: __________________________

Date of Donation: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Contact name: ___________________________________________________________________

Phone number: _________________ Email: _____________________________________________

DONATION:

This shipment includes:

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