

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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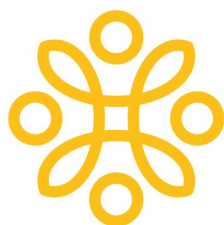
SKSF LOGOS

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Special Families logos in your flyers
or marketing materials

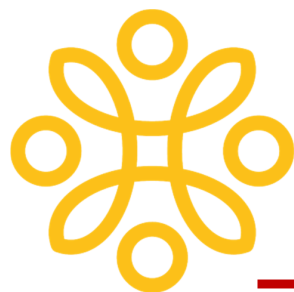


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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ESSENTIALS DRIVE

*For Special Kids Special Families Clients
and Families to **REVIVE & THRIVE***

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WHY DONATE TO SKSF?

Supporting individuals with disabilities and their families with basic needs and necessities help foster inclusivity, independence, and well-being. We are ensuring they have access to the resources required to live fulfilling and dignified lives. Individuals with disabilities and their families face financial hardship, either due to inability to work or the additional costs associated with their condition. This ESSENTIALS DRIVE provides needed resources that can help alleviate some of the economic burden that they face.

**YOUR
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- Children & Family Services
- Adult & Senior Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Home Care Services
- Military & Veteran Services
- Garden Grows Program
- & So Much More!

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GETTING STARTED

Getting started with an Essentials Drive requires the dedication of time, energy and effort. Here are the aspects of your drive to determine before you get started...



WHO?

Special Kids Special Families clients and families are the **WHO** for this drive. At SKSF, our mission is to promote, strengthen and support individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers. We help foster inclusivity, independence and well-being.

WHY?

WHY start an Essentials Drive for these individuals? Some families face serious hardships raising and caring for individuals with disabilities. They may face financial hardships, either due to an inability to work or the additional costs associated with their loved one's conditions. Supplying basic everyday items helps maintain a good quality of life.

WHAT?

You may ask **WHAT** types of essentials are needed? We are seeking everyday items such as toiletries, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, clothing, toys, books, infant items, snacks, back-to-school supplies, plus much more! We have compiled a current list of items needed to collect for the drive.

WHEN?

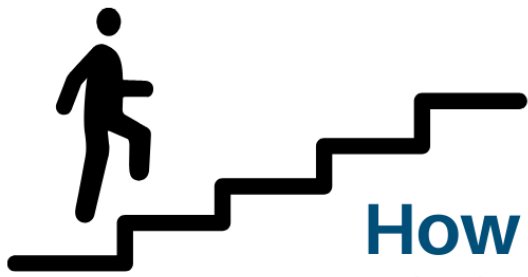
WHEN does SKSF need these donations? All year-round! You can collect items for one day or a designated time frame (week/month, etc..), however, we recommend having the Essentials Drive last two to four weeks for allowing you to promote your drive and for maximum collection of items.

WHERE?

WHERE do donors drop off their donations? They can be dropped off at a specific collection site like a storage room, garage, church or office. You can set up multiple secure collection points with drop boxes where donations can be left over a period of time OR collect donations at a special event like a sports game, resource fair or party.

Hosting an Essentials Drive is a GREAT way to support your community and is also a FUN and meaningful way to engage your family, co-workers and friends in helping individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers REVIVE & THRIVE! So let's **MAKE A PLAN!**





STEP-by-STEP

How To Host An Essentials Drive

For Special Kids Special Families Clients and Families to REVIVE & THRIVE

STEP 1: Create Your **PLAN**

The first step for planning an Essentials Drive is to create your TEAM! Reach out to your friends, family, school or church group or anyone that may be interested in helping. Consider asking your coworkers or neighbors as well. Once your team is created, assign roles and responsibilities.

- Set a goal of how many donations you'd like to collect
- Set dates/times for drive
- Determine how you'll get the word out & who will help promote the drive
- Determine locations for drop off or collection
- Who will provide transportation for pick up/delivery of donated items

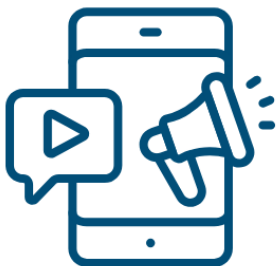


STEP 2: Marketing & Promotion

Once you have your team and your plan is in place - it's time to PROMOTE & SHARE! Here are some ideas and tips to help market your Essentials Drive for SKSF:

- First, check out our [SKSF ONLINE TOOLKIT](#) which includes SKSF logos, sample flyers & posters, social media posts and an Essentials Drive List of Items Needed.
- **FLYERS:** Hand out with the list of items needed to co-workers, friends, family, put in an email, place on social media or post at your place of business and/or your community cork/information boards. Ask a local business if you can leave some at their store front or back room break area.

SOCIAL MEDIA:



SHARE

- In our SKSF Online Toolkit, there are pre-made social media graphics that you can post to your social pages encouraging your friends and followers to participate.
- Create an event on Facebook with a sample message: *"I am organizing an Essentials Drive for Special Kids Special Families clients and families. Would you consider donating any items listed on the attached flyer and drop off at {location} between {time-time}? Your donations support low-income individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers. Thank you for your support!"*
- Track and brag about your progress with photos of donors dropping off items.



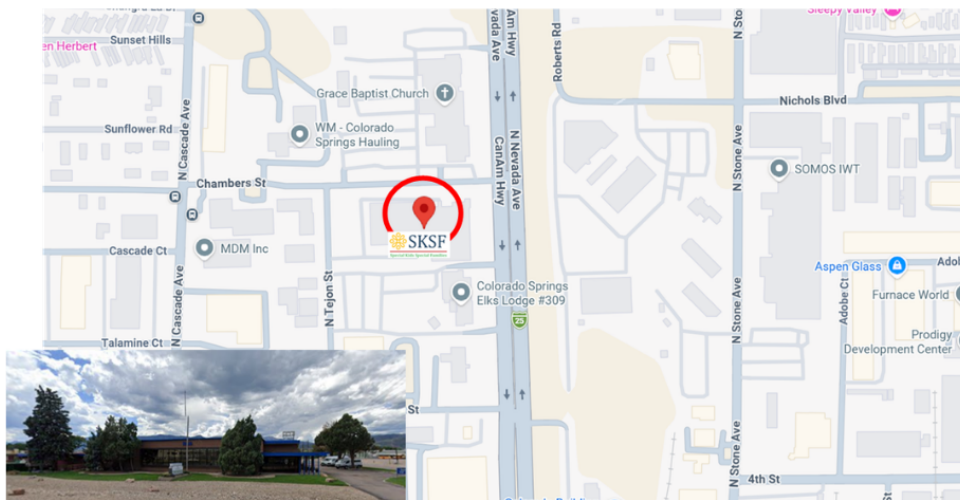
Other Ideas To Promote:

- Create decorative and bright colored boxes with the SKSF logo and predominately place them in easy and convenient locations to collect donation essentials.
- Perhaps create a GoFundMe Page. This is an option that can garnish hundreds of donations. [Create your page in 8 easy steps.](#)

The success of your Essentials Drive relies on how well you can get the word out! These are just a few tips to help you spread the word and succeed. Be creative and have FUN!

STEP 3: Donation Drop Off

Once you've collected donations, drop them off at Special Kids Special Families (SKSF). Arrange your drop off with SKSF ahead of time by calling us at (719) 447-8983 or email us at development@sksfcolorado.org to make arrangements so we can take photos with your donations to share on SKSF social media pages. Feel free to bring your team members to join you!



DROP OFF AT:

SKSF Administration Office
3450 N Nevada Ave, Ste 110
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

SKSF also accepts monetary donations online at:

<https://sksfcolorado.org/donate/>

or mail checks payable to
Special Kids Special Families
and mail to the address above.

Special Kids Special Families will provide a donation receipt upon request.



Got Questions?

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Toiletries & Personal Hygiene

- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Toothbrushes
- ☐ Floss
- ☐ Denture Cleaner & Adhesive
- ☐ Mouthwash
- ☐ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ☐ Body Wash or Bar Soap
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Facial Tissue
- ☐ Hand Wipes / Flushable Wipes
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Shaving Cream
- ☐ Deoderant
- ☐ Lotions
- ☐ Menstrual Pads/Tampons

Cleaning Supplies

- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Dishwasher Detergent/Pods
- ☐ Laundry Detergent
- ☐ Fabric Softener (Sheets/Liquid)
- ☐ Sanitizing Spray
- ☐ Disinfecting Wipes/Cleaners
- ☐ Paper Towels

Clothing & Accessories

** We do not accept USED clothing*

- ☐ NEW clothing (any size) *
- ☐ Socks (most needed - any size)
- ☐ Pajamas (any size)
- ☐ Winter Hats, Gloves, Mittens
- ☐ Jackets, Hoodies (any size)
- ☐ Pull Ups / Diapers (any size)

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Snack Items (*individually wrapped: granola bars, fruit snacks, Gold Fish crackers, CheezIts, etc..*)
- ☐ Puzzles (ages 2-18)
- ☐ Games (ages 2-18)
- ☐ Books (children & young adult)
- ☐ Journals / Notebooks
- ☐ Colored Pencils / Pens / Pencils
- ☐ Backpacks (any gender)
- ☐ Lunch Boxes
- ☐ Water Bottles (insulated/reusable)
- ☐ Blankets & Pillows
- ☐ Clothes Hangers

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