

Collection Dates:

Friday, **February 1st**
through Sat., **April 8th**
Easter is April 16th!

Please know that we will begin delivering in early March. You can drop off any items at your convenience at the drop off location below. Many thanks!!



Families Building Faith is a grass roots, Christian fellowship that simply encourages people of all ages to grow their faith in God. We do that by offering opportunities to help reach out to others in need. Our Easter Basket Collection started, as one of our first outreaches, over twelve years ago.

Here are some of the places we distributed to last year: Active Faith (South Lyon's local food pantry); Gleaner's (Brighton/Howell location); Brown's Ministries (serving the Cass Corridor); Grandparents raising grandchildren; Brownell Elementary and other Flint schools (with 100% poverty rating); Dailey Elementary (Beecher school district); Life Choices (NSO's program helping families with disabilities); Salvation Army's Denby Center (family homeless shelter); agencies in Lansing and its surrounding areas; shelters in Jackson; and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Traverse City. It is our prayer and hope to reach them again this year!

Families Building Faith's 2017 Easter Basket Collection

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

~Hebrews 11:1



Starting in 2005, Families Building Faith has been incredibly blessed by the support of the South Lyon area, along with several other communities, as we have sought to reach children, teens and adults-in-need at Easter time. We are praying for support again this year. We thought you might like to read a note that we received so that you can see how your help truly matters!

Dear Families Building Faith,

I thank you for the Easter basket. It helped a lot because I didn't have an Easter basket so the basket helped. I liked the silly string and the teddy because because I like teddy bears. I have a friend named Early and he liked the other teddy bear I got from you. My teddy bear's name is Valentina. Her name was in a heart. I will always keep the gifts because I like it, and love it. I liked the prayer cards the most.

Thank you, Charlotte

If you would like more information on how to help spread the word, donate, collect, or volunteer your time, please contact us—

1.) Email us at familiesbuildingfaith@yahoo.com (best way to reach us)
2.) Check us out at www.facebook/familiesbuildingfaith

Thank you so much for considering!!

We accept both **gently-used and new** items for our Easter baskets so check your closets and toy boxes for toys that are not being played with anymore. Our requirements for gently-used items: They must have **all** their parts and pieces, must be **clean**, and ***in excellent condition!*** Please keep in mind that we make baskets for ages infant to teen. Here are some ideas for gently-used:

Baskets (of all kinds)

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| Easter grass (new or unused) | Plastic Easter eggs (clean) | Sidewalk chalk (new) |
| Candy (unopened; watch the Valentine Day sales) | | Play-doh (new) |
| Books (for all ages) | Coloring books and crayons | Bubbles |
| Stuffed animals (please no giant ones) | | Beanie Babies |
| Smaller toys like My Little Pony, Strawberry Shortcake, GI Joe, Matchbox cars, Pokémon, Barbie dolls, hand-held video games, Polly Pockets, Star Wars, etc... | | |
| Costume jewelry, hair ties, nail polish, stickers, bead necklaces, and so on | | |
| Sports balls, baseball gloves; please no large sports items, shoes or bats | | |
| School supplies such as folders, paper, pens, glue, erasers, notepads, markers, crayons... | | |
| Infant items, toys, and books (small baby outfits, wash clothes, diapers, etc...) | | |
| Any Easter-related items that might delight a heart. | | |

Please note that we have no corporate sponsors nor do we seek grants. We are not a 501(c)(3). We simply ask God to bring us what is needed and He does, through the kindness of many in our community and beyond!!

In years past, the Dollar Tree has collected for our Easter outreach. We are hoping you will see a collection box for our EBC in mid-February. Please tell them thank you for their continued support! Here is a list of the items we can always use:

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| Coloring books (strong need!) | Small toys | Jump ropes | Word searches |
| Crayons (need these too!) | Silly string | Puzzles | Teen items |
| Baskets (are always needed!!) | Easter grass | Items for adults | Bubbles |
| Sidewalk chalk | Party favors | Costume jewelry | Crossword puzzles |

We humbly ask for your prayers as we have surpassed the 3,000 mark on baskets and lives touched with this outreach. Please pray asking God to bring us what we need, to raise up cheerful and steadfast volunteers, that each basket be filled with goodies, undeniable love and kindness, for doors to be opened and hearts softened to His love and provision, and that on Easter morning, smiles grace the faces of those who receive baskets with their hearts being touched by His. Thanks so much!!

Each year we also make baskets for teens, adults and seniors who could use encouragement that they are not forgotten. So many have told us how grateful they are for these baskets! Here is a list of the items we use in their baskets (please know gently-used is great!):

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| Hotel/travel soaps & lotions | Novels/books/magazines | |
| Inspirational reads | Journals & stationary | |
| Unused perfume & make-up | Hand towels/dish towels/washcloths | New socks |
| Coffee cups & tea bags | Wicker baskets/purses/nice bags | Scarves, hats, gloves |
| Small sized knick-knacks | Lip Gloss, nail polish, etc... | Valentine candy/snacks |



We are always in need of items for teens and men. Thanks so much for reading!