



Kit of Comfort Toy Drive/Fundraiser



Missions & Service is sponsoring a toy drive/fundraiser this summer to help our Children's Disaster Services team update their "Kit of Comfort." This kit is a suitcase full of therapeutic play activities that is carried to the disaster site by trained Disaster Child Care volunteers. All items in this kit need to be **relatively small, durable, washable and easy to transport**. It is much more important to have a few high quality toys than ones that do not withstand heavy use. Six play stations are set up each day using only the toys in the suitcase, and the toys are cleaned and returned to the suitcase at the end of every day. The following list contains suggestions that have been selected by the team:

CREATIVE EXPRESSION CENTER: Tempura paint, no-spill paint cups with lid, brushes, shaving cream, paint sponges, pipe-cleaners, googly eyes, foam sheets, plastic tools and cookie cutters for PlayDoh, Crayola paint aprons

TACTILE/TEXTURE CENTER: Plastic boats, small dishes, funnels, floatables, scoops, small plastic utensils, unspillable bubbles

QUIET CENTER: Card games (UNO, Phase 10, SkipBo, Five Crowns, etc.), compact or travel board games (checkers, Candyland, Operation, etc.), puzzles (different sizes and paper, child-size scissors and decorative scissors (curvy, zigzag, etc.), multi-ethnic washable dolls, doll clothes, doll blankets, doll baby accessories, variety of books (lightweight books for all ages), infant toys (teething toys, rattles or small musical toys)

DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Doctor/nurse/medical kits, variety of finger or hand puppets, Little People family dolls, tool kit, dish set, pots and pans play set, plastic "food," Melissa and Doug dress-up kits for fireman, police officer, chef and nurse,

COMMUNITY PLAY CENTER: Matchbox cars, including emergency vehicles (trucks, helicopters, farm vehicles, etc.), plastic town or road floor mat, MagnaTiles

ACTIVITY PLAY CENTER: Bean bags, inflatable beach or Nerf ball, Frisbee, sidewalk chalk, folding Hula Hoop, large plastic parachute

We have also created an Amazon wish list titled "Oak Grove CDS Wish List" that outlines the specifics of the most desired toys. You can find a link to this wish list on our church website. Monetary donations are appreciated as well. Please remember to write the check to "Oak Grove Church of the Brethren" and include "CDS Kit of Comfort" in the memo field.

A collection basket will be available to collect the toys, and there will be a chart that tells what has already been donated. This information can also be found on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Hambleton or any member of the Missions & Service commission.

