



## **We invite you to join us in putting together Kid's Bags!**

**Kid's Bags** are distributed to every child in families that visit the Newton Food Pantry on Wednesday afternoons. The decorated bags are filled with a variety of child-friendly snack foods and drinks meant to be enjoyed by kids between meals during the school week.

### ***Each Kid's Bag must include the following:***

- 1 individual microwavable container of Mac & Cheese, microwavable Chef Boyardee spaghetti or similar pasta (2.5 to 5 oz serving size)
- 1 snack size fruit cup ( oranges, peaches or mixed fruit)
- 1 fruit (apple sauce) or / & vegetable pouch
- 1 Organic crunchy rollers (14 oz size)
- 1 granola bar, any kind (NO peanuts or nuts)
- 1 small single serving boxed milk (white or chocolate)
- 1 Capri Sun (or similar) 100% juice box or packet
- 1 Keebler (or similar) snack size cracker pack (No peanut butter or nuts)
- 1 Popcorn, Pop Corners snack bag, Goldfish or Cheez-Its packet

In order to ensure that there are enough **Kid's Bags** for our clients every week, each month, we ask that once you have decided to fill 25 (or more!) **Kid's Bags**, please contact Marilyn Crone at [kidsbags@newtonfoodpantry.org](mailto:kidsbags@newtonfoodpantry.org) to confirm the number of bags you are filling and to make arrangements for drop off at the Newton Food Pantry. We typically plan two mornings, mid-month for drop off of filled bags.

Also, since children find so much joy in self-expression, it is our hope that the bags will be “decorated” for all to enjoy and that you will consider working with your child(ren), family members, neighbors, or groups on decorating **Kid's Bags!**

The guidelines for decorating bags are the following:

- White paper bags must be 8” x 4.75” x 10” with handles. These can be ordered on Amazon (similar to [here](#)) , purchased at Michael's (similar to [here](#)) or email Marilyn to request bags for your group.
- All art must be non-secular and appropriate for all children in our diverse community. “Free art” is encouraged as are seasonal (winter, spring, etc.) themes, original patterns and designs. Please no representations of holidays.
- The use of drawing materials including markers, crayons, and colored pencils of different sizes, watercolor paints and a variety of stampers are encouraged.

- Children of all ages (Toddlers – School age) will be receiving the snack bags. Therefore, we **CANNOT** accept bags that have **staples, tape, or any toxic materials (including glitter and glue)** on the bags.

If you are interested in joining us in this effort, please contact Marilyn Crone at [kidsbags@newtonfoodpantry.org](mailto:kidsbags@newtonfoodpantry.org) for more information. We thank you for your interest in **Kid's Bags** and are grateful for your support!

