

NJSFWC Special State Project

The NJSFWC clubs can show its generous spirit in support of the Special State Project, the New Jersey Children's Alliance, by participating in **Operation Duffle Bag** by donating an overnight duffle bag for children who leave their homes in emergency situations. We ask that clubs donate no more than 2 bags due to limited storage space.

Your club can choose the gender and age for the contents of the duffle bag and create a tag for the bag with that information. The bags can be filled with the following items depending on the gender and age group of the recipients you choose:

- PJ's and or sweat suits for infants through adult XL
- Underwear – 2 year olds to adult XL
- Socks
- Towel
- Flip flops or slippers (sizes for 2 year olds to adult XL)
- Toiletries (Travel size: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, hair ties, brush/comb, deodorant)
- Blanket
- Diapers and wipes for infants to 2 year olds children
- Activity books, reading books, pencils, crayons, pens.

The time period for the collection will be from January 1 through March 10.
No bags will be taken after March 10.

The Child Advocacy Centers that can receive the bags directly from clubs are:

- Wynona's House - 185 Washington St., Newark, NJ 973-753-1110
- Deidre's House - 8 Court Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 973-631-5000
- Ginnie's House - 4 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860 Tel. 973-579-0770

Prosecutor-based CAC's that can receive the donations are:

- Gloucester Child Advocacy Center, 45 Cooper Street, Woodbury, Tel: 856-384-5557
- Cape May Child Advocacy Center 372 Court House- S. Dennis Road, Cape May Court House, Tel: 609 465-1135 x3440
- Monmouth Child Advocacy Center, 500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, Tel: 732- 683-866

Please call these centers for information.

Clubs who utilize these programs for drop off should send the total number of duffle bags to the SSP Chairman, April Shoemaker by March 10. You may also drop off your duffle bag at Headquarters no later than March 10. The bags at Headquarters will be picked up by NJCA, who will distribute them to CAC centers throughout the state.

Through these efforts, the NJSFWC and NJCA are making a significant impact, helping to create a brighter, more supportive environment for young individuals in need.

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