

April 25, is the 27th “Blue Sunday” A Day of Prayer for Abused Children and Those Who Rescue Them

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, remembering the millions of children who are victims of abuse/neglect, and those who help them overcome abuse and neglect.

Faith Community we must face the facts:

- ◆ One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.
- ◆ Most child abuse incidents are drug and alcohol related.
- ◆ Within one year of aging out of the foster care system, 66% of victims will be homeless, in jail or dead.
- ◆ There are over 100,000 children waiting for adoption in the United States.

How to pray for abused children on Blue Sunday:

- ◆ Pray they will be rescued
- ◆ Pray they are placed with caring people
- ◆ Pray their minds and bodies can heal
- ◆ Pray they find hope
- ◆ Pray for those who rescue them

For more information contact www.bluesunday.org

Ways you can participate:

* Pray

* Wear blue and be ready to tell someone why

* Bring items mentioned on Blue Bonnet’s Wish-list to the Service on April 25, 2021 (see back)

Blue Bonnet Wish List

Take-Away Comfort Items for Children/Youth:

- ◆ Quilts (3'x5' or smaller)
- ◆ Composition books/ Journals/ Diaries

Hospitality Items:

- ◆ Individually Packaged Small Snacks (cookies, crackers, chips, fruit snacks)
- ◆ Bottled Water
- ◆ Adult & children coloring books, map pencils
- ◆ School supplies

Emergency Assistance for Families:

- ◆ Gift cards for gas, clothing or food.
- ◆ Personal hygiene packages for teen boys and girls (Goal: approximately 10 sets per month)
 - 1 hairbrush/comb set
 - 1 full sized deodorant
 - 1 Manicure set/nail clippers
 - Travel sized haircare items (shampoo, conditioner)

Laundry Baskets of new household items

(Goal: approximately 5 sets per month)

- 1 laundry basket
- 2 standard pillows
- 2 standard towels
- 1 fleece throw
- 1 regular detergent

Infant/Toddler needs:

- Diapers (size: newborn-5)
- Pull ups
- Baby wipes

General Needs:

- ◆ Disinfectant Wipes and Room Spray
- ◆ Glass and Floor Cleaner
- ◆ Toilet and Bathroom Surface Cleansers
- ◆ Antibacterial Liquid Hand Soap and Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Reusable bags