

## ***IT'S YOUR DAY!!***

### Birthday Celebration Program



## **A Concrete, hands-on way to make a difference for a child in need in Stoughton, Oregon, Brooklyn or McFarland**

It's hard for many of us to imagine celebrating a child's birthday without a party or presents. But for many of the families we serve, finding the extra money to afford a child's birthday celebration is a struggle at best, and frequently impossible. ***It's YOUR Day!*** is a Host A Family project designed to help by providing the basics for a small birthday party, a gift, and a book. It's as easy as **A, B, C, D...**

- A.** Who is this for? Decide if the box (or gift bag) is for a boy or girl - or either. Next, decide the approximate age range. Label the bag with that info! (e.g. **Girl, age 2-5; Boy, age 14-16; Boy or Girl, any age!**)
- B.** Each birthday bag should contain at least the items below for a party of 8 or more people. Next decorate your bag as you wish with markers, stickers, tissue paper, etc. to make it FESTIVE!
1. Cake mix,
  2. Any flavor can of frosting
  3. 12 oz. can of soda (7 up or other) to make cake without eggs or oil birthday
  4. candles, no matches!
  5. 9x13 disposable pan or cupcake pan/liners
  6. a banner/centerpiece or decoration
  7. 3 (or more) fun extras, ideas below – your choice!

### **FUN EXTRAS**

- a. Plates, napkins, cups
- b. birthday headband or button
- c. Silly string, play dough
- d. playing cards, glow sticks, bubbles
- e. crayons, markers, sidewalk chalk
- f. puzzles, games, word searches
- g. trading cards or stickers
- h. freezer pops, candies, gum, crackers
- i. squirt or nerf guns
- j. stuffed animals
- k. any other special small items/toys
- l. birthday card with your message

- C.** A Book! Children need and love books and should have a book to call their own! Add an age appropriate book, new or used in good shape.
- D.** A gift valued at \$10-15 or a gift card for that amount. We encourage gifts for younger children but realize older children are harder: a gift, fast food, movie or other gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, etc).

The typical cost for each Box or Bag is around \$25 or more, but how much you want to spend is up to you. Your wonderful gift will be distributed through the area Food Pantries or Human Services office and is **tax-deductible!** Contact us below for more information or receipts. To make a basket for:

**Stoughton Food Pantry: Bev Fergus 608-576-6563 or email [IYDstoughton@hostafamily.org](mailto:IYDstoughton@hostafamily.org)**

**McFarland Food Pantry: Chrissy Fischer 608-279-6126 or email [IYDmcfarland@hostafamily.org](mailto:IYDmcfarland@hostafamily.org)**

**Oregon-Brooklyn Food Pantry: Jenny Wokasch 608-444-4226 or email [ItsYourDayOregon@gmail.com](mailto:ItsYourDayOregon@gmail.com)**