Gift Basket Projects

Why Gift Baskets?

Having an affordable place to live means that CASA tenants don’t have to worry about how they’ll pay the rent or if they can afford groceries or medication. However, CASA tenants have limited income, so even after they move in, they don’t have a lot of extra income for treats. A great way to show CASA tenants some love is with a surprise gift basket. Volunteer groups collect the items for any number of baskets, assemble the gifts, and deliver to CASA’s office to show our tenants that the community supports them.

To organize your Gift Basket Volunteer Event:

1. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kathleen DeRubio: 919-307-3433 or kderubio@casanc.org.
2. We’ll match you with a property with the right number of units for your volunteer group.
3. Pick a theme and start collecting donations!
4. Assemble identical baskets for each tenant at your assigned property. Be sure to include a tag or a card so our tenants know who their gift is from.
5. Schedule a time with us to deliver your baskets to our office. You can also schedule time with CASA staff for a presentation about our mission.

Note

The basket suggestions below are just ideas - you can make whatever kind of basket you think our tenants would enjoy!

Just three guidelines:
1. Please make all of the baskets for the same property with the same items and the same number of items.
2. Please avoid religious or political material in your baskets.
3. Please include only new items in your baskets.

That’s it! Have fun!

Sunshine Basket

everything is yellow!

Choose any of these yellow items or come up with your own:

- yellow mug
- lemon tea bags
- lemonade mix
- lemon drops
- yellow candles
- juicy fruit gum
- Butterfingers
- Lay’s potato chips
- Yellow packages of M&M's
- small tissues in yellow wrap
- soap with yellow packaging
- sunscreen in a yellow bottle
- sunshine themed card or wall hanging

Arrange your items with a yellow bow.

Pasta Dinner Basket

Some items to include:

- dry pasta
- jar/can marinara sauce
- checkered dish towel
- potholders
- colander
- italian seasoning mix
- olive oil
- baguette or breadsticks
- tomatoes

Cookie Basket

Some items to include:

- boxed cookie mix
- chocolate chips
- cookie dough scoop
- spatula
- kitchen towel
- pot holder
- measuring cups
- mixing bowl
- cookie sheet
- $5 gift certificate to Walmart or Food Lion for eggs & oil
More Gift Basket Ideas

Kitchen Essentials Basket
- spatula/whisk
- mixing spoons
- measuring cups/spoons
- can opener
- vegetable peeler
- magnets
- mugs
- instant coffee/tea
- small dish soap
- sponges

Bath Essentials Basket
- set of new towels, washcloths, hand towels
- lysol wipes or cleaner + sponges
- bath soap
- loofah
- hand soap
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- disposable razors

Goody Bag
Place any of these items or your favorites in a reusable shopping bag so tenants can carry goodies from CASA’s office on the bus
- cleaning supplies
- sponges
- salt and pepper
- dry pasta and sauce
- stationary and pens
- magnets
- AA and AAA batteries
- stamps
- movie theater gift card
- bus passes or Uber gift cards
- Walmart/Food Lion gift card

Laundry Gift Basket
Many of our tenants rely on coin laundry or the laundromat - some of these items can make the chore a lot easier!
- laundry bag with a strap
- laundry detergent (pods or small bottles)
- rolls of quarters
- dryer sheets
- mesh bags for lingerie & delicates

Celebrate Fall Gift Basket
- spiced cider mix
- apples
- caramel sauce
- hot chocolate mix
- coffee mugs
- instant maple flavored oatmeal
- pecans

Celebrate Spring Gift Basket
- small flower or plant
- cold brew ice tea bags
- lemonade mix
- pitcher
- reusable water bottle
- candy/jelly beans
- spring themed magnets or stickers