CELEBRATING 50 YEARS | THE NIGHT MINISTRY

2026 Holiday Celebration

Help The Night Ministry give the gift of hope and warmth this holiday season with a drawstring bag! Distribution begins the week of December 14!

Drawstring backpacks should be approximately 14" x 16". Simple nylon backpacks are fine.
Most clients prefer dark-colored backpacks.

All items must be new. Please be respectful of our diverse client base, keep backpacks secular, and omit any notes or cards.

Schedule your drop-off between Monday, November 23, and Wednesday, December 9 by scanning the QR code.

Any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Angelica Haennicke at angelica@thenightministry.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does The Night Ministry use these backpacks?
We distribute hundreds of backpacks to individuals who receive services from our Health Outreach Bus, Street Medicine initiatives, and at select CTA stations where we serve.

Why are only dark-colored clothing items in adult sizes requested?
Over 80% of our clients are adult men who prefer dark-colored hats and gloves because they hide stains better.

Why should you focus on quality over quantity?
We want our clients to receive high-quality gifts that are more likely to last through the winter and provide warmth in severe temperatures. It would be most beneficial to give them gifts that can handle daily wear and tear, such as waterproof insulated gloves, thick beanies, and warm socks.



Each backpack should include the following:

- Winter Hat
- Pair of Warm Gloves
- Pair of Adult Socks
- Keychain Flashlight
- Hand & Toe Warmers
- Assorted Candy
- Full-Size Deodorant
- Travel-Size Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Pack of Bath/Body Wipes
- Toothbrush
- Travel-Size Toothpaste

Special Note:
Please consider donating $10 gift cards to Dunkin' or McDonald's in addition to the backpacks, plus a pack of playing cards or small travel chess game.

Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!