



Thrive Middle School Care Kits What. Why. How.

This fall, Thrive Middle School is launching a new ongoing project we're calling "iCare". This program seeks to show compassion in tangible ways to the homeless in our city. Our students and their families will collect, package, and distribute bags of essentials like food, water, and toiletries to the homeless. These "care kits" also include a personal note of care written by a student, vouchers for free clothing at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, and information about programs in the city that offer ongoing help to the homeless.

We are launching this program because we believe that God made every person in His image and gave him or her value before they were even born (Gen. 1:26). He also commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31) and share our bread with the hungry (Is. 58:7). We believe that showing compassion for the "least of these" is part of Christian service as unto Christ (Matt. 25:40).

Donated items can be dropped off at our church office at any time M-Th during regular office hours through Nov. 10th. Students attending Thrive Middle School can also bring donated supplies to our weekly program on Sundays from 3-5pm. Our students will gather on packing days to assemble the bags, write notes of encouragement, and distribute among our families for distribution to the homeless. Students will be encouraged to take 3-5 bags and keep them in their family vehicles to distribute at their discretion or as they come in contact with a needy individual.

To view a list of needed supplies, visit this link: <http://slmch.pl/icare>

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