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Hosting a drive for program supplies/basic needs

Although the cost of membership to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell is kept very low (\$30 per year), the effectiveness of our program stems from providing a robust selection of high quality, engaging programs that keep members returning to the Club, and provide opportunities to break the cycle of poverty.

Here are a list of items that are regularly needed at the Club:

Technology Thumb drives

First Aid Supplies Band-Aids - all sizes Gauze Ice packs Alcohol Wipes Splints

Homework Help/Tutoring

Pencils Construction Paper Crayons Markers Color Pencils

Art

Scissors Canvas Paper Card Stock Paper Canvas Pad Paint Brushes 24p set Acrylic Paint 6 Gal Pastels Pastel Paper Charcoal Watercolor Watercolor Paper Elmer's Glue Yarn

Fashion Design

Large or small spools of thread – various colors Shears Fabric Glue Needles Safety Pins Batting Fabric Markers

- Athletics Basketballs Indoor Soccer Balls Cones Pennies
- Footballs Recreation
- Board games Bingo Decks of cards

Miscellaneous Travel Size Toiletries Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, Razors, shaving cream, etc.

Backpacks and school supplies



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Tips for hosting a donation drive

- Decide what you want to hold a drive for consider you audience and what they might be passionate about. Determine a goal for your drive e.g. "50 backpacks stuffed with supplies", or "100 pounds of construction paper".
- Determine the timeframe that your drive will take place. We recommend keeping it to a couple weeks, so that your donors have time to shop, but not so much time that they forget about the drive.
- Determine where your drop off location(s) will be.
- Create a flyer. Contact Angel at <u>abrunelle@lbgc.org</u> for a logo or photos for your flyer.
- Spread the word! Share via social media, email and posting flyers.
- Contact the Boys & Girls Club when you are ready to drop your donations off. We love to take photos and share the generosity of others with our community!

