

LUNCH BAG DECORATING

A simple brown lunch bag can do more than carry a meal; it can carry hope, encouragement, and kindness. Through this DRIVE Out Hunger activity, delegates can create decorated lunch bags that brighten someone's day while supporting organizations that serve children, families, and seniors experiencing food insecurity.

Whether donated locally or mailed to a participating organization, every bag is a reminder that someone cares.

How to Participate

- Decorate brown paper lunch bags with uplifting artwork and encouraging messages.
- Use markers, crayons, colored pencils, stickers, puzzles, jokes, or positive words.
- Avoid glitter, staples, or anything that may fall off during delivery.
- Donate your bags locally or mail them to one of the organizations below.
- Submit your impact through the DRIVE Out Hunger Year of Service Reporting Form.

MAIL-IN OPPORTUNITIES

Kids' Meals

Kids' Meals provides free meals to preschool-aged children experiencing food insecurity. The organization accepts decorated brown lunch bags by mail and uses them to deliver meals and smiles to children throughout the Houston area. They estimate needing more than 4 million bags annually.

Mailing Address:

8790 Hammerly Blvd.
Houston, TX 77080

Website:

[Kids' Meals Bag Decorating Program](#)

Heart of Dinner

Heart of Dinner delivers culturally thoughtful meals and care packages to Asian American older adults. Decorated bags are an important part of every delivery and are often saved by recipients as keepsakes. The organization welcomes mailed decorated bags from volunteers across the country.

Mailing Address (NYC Operations):

Heart of Dinner
31 Howard Street, Unit #404
New York, NY 10013

Mailing Address (Los Angeles Operations):

Heart of Dinner
418 Bamboo Lane, Suite C PMB 23
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Website:

[Heart of Dinner Decorated Bag Project](#)

NATIONAL PARTICIPATION OPTION

Bags of Joy

Bags of Joy partners with Meals on Wheels programs and helps volunteers connect with local organizations that need decorated bags. Their mission is to reduce senior loneliness through artwork and encouragement. Volunteers can contact the organization for guidance and local Meals on Wheels connections.

Contact:

bagsofjoy17@gmail.com

Website:

[Bags of Joy Volunteer Information](#)

LOCAL IMPACT MATTERS TOO

Many local organizations welcome decorated bags, including:

- Food pantries
- Summer meal programs
- School nutrition programs
- Community meal sites
- Meals on Wheels chapters

Always contact the organization before donating to confirm their current needs and guidelines.

FIND A LOCAL PARTNER ORGANIZATION

Meals on Wheels America

Meals on Wheels programs serve seniors through thousands of local providers across the country. Many local programs welcome decorated meal bags, cards, and encouraging notes for meal recipients.

Find a local program:

[Meals on Wheels Find Meals Locator](#)

Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House operates more than 250 chapters and programs in over 60 countries and regions. Local chapters may accept decorated bags, activity items, meal-support donations, and other service projects.

Find a local chapter:

[Ronald McDonald House Chapter Locator](#)

Feeding America Network Food Banks

Feeding America's network includes more than 200 food banks that support thousands of food pantries and meal programs nationwide. Local food banks may be able to connect you with children's meal programs, backpack programs, and community food distributions that can use decorated bags.

Find your local food bank:

[Feeding America Food Bank Locator](#)

The Salvation Army

Many local Salvation Army locations operate food pantries, meal programs, and seasonal feeding initiatives. Decorated bags may be a great addition to community meal distributions. Availability varies by location.

Find your local Salvation Army:

[The Salvation Army Location Finder](#)

United Way

Many local United Way organizations partner with food pantries, summer meal sites, and community service programs. They can often help connect volunteers with organizations that would welcome decorated lunch bags.

Find your local United Way:

[United Way Locator](#)