

# FESTIVAL OF SHARING

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. **Ephesians 4:15 - 16 (NRSV)**



# WELCOME TO FESTIVAL OF SHARING!

Thank you for your interest and support of the Festival of Sharing, a cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond. These concerns motivate our actions to raise awareness of root causes and encourage solutions. Our goal is to promote and support projects and programs by providing funding and resource goods. When people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

## How Can I Participate?

In the following pages, you will find opportunities to share your gifts, love, hope and talents. The beginning pages feature detailed item lists and estimated costs (based on Best Value prices at Wal-Mart) for all packs and kits we collect for agencies in Missouri. The middle pages highlight the international agencies we support through funding, resource goods and other activities.



All packs and kits listed in this booklet are collected at our regional Sharefest events during September and October. These interfaith gatherings provide space for service, fellowship, and the sharing and connecting of resources. Join us to experience the joy of sharing! (See pages 11-13 for more information.)

Blessings and thanks!



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# BEHIND THE SCENES AT FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Festival of Sharing is governed by an ecumenical team of volunteers from around Missouri who support the planning, promotion and vision of the Festival of Sharing. Participation is open to anyone, so if you are interested in joining, please contact us at **573-474-3332** or **festival@socket.net**. You can see the current Coordinating Committee members at [www.festivalofsharing.org/about](http://www.festivalofsharing.org/about).

The team works very hard to keep expenses down and depends 100% on your donations to achieve that goal! Costs associated with our efforts include printing and mailing marketing materials, transporting supplies between events, and one part-time employee. When available, funds are used to complete ministry projects. Yearly financial reports and accompanying graphics are made available for download on our website at [www.festivalofsharing.org/financial-reports](http://www.festivalofsharing.org/financial-reports).

**Please consider giving 10% of your estimated material gifts and designated financial giving to Where Needed Most. Please make checks payable to “MOAC” or “The Missouri Annual Conference.” They may be brought to a Sharefest event or mailed to: 3601 Amron Court, Columbia, MO 65202.**

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# SHARING AROUND MISSOURI



## Did You Know?

Over 150 agencies in Missouri are approved to receive goods and services through the Festival of Sharing. Agencies have gone through an application process identifying their clientele, services provided, criteria for assistance and more. Once approved by the Coordinating Committee, an agency is welcome to receive goods and services for as long as needed.

Agency partners include food pantries, clothes closets, foster and adoption programs, community gardens, and resource centers. Their staff, volunteers and advocates work diligently to provide resources for healthy, successful lives. Each summer they are invited to submit requests for kits and packs to be picked up at the Sharefests. While the needs are different around the state, often the most-requested kits are personal hygiene, family food and paper products.

Distributing the kits through the Sharefests is one way Festival of Sharing church partners work collectively in love and humble service. Agency recipients continuously express how grateful they are for donations, volunteers and prayers which help make their work possible.

If you are an agency or know one that might be interested in applying, please reach out to the coordinator at **573-474-3332** or **festival@socket.net**. An application may also be downloaded from our website at **www.festivalofsharing.org/agencies**.

## Ways to Share in Missouri

- **Pack kits for Missouri agencies:**  
Collect supplies, bring them to a Sharefest near you and pack one of the following kits:
  - Paper Product Pack
  - Personal Hygiene Pack
  - Family Food Box
  - Baby Bundle Pack
  - Student Dental Pack
  - Reading and Writing Pack
  - Blankets
  - Youth Personal Care Packs
  - Backpacks of Love
  - Women's Prison Packs
- **Donate time or money to one of these FOS-approved agencies:**
  - MO Agape House
  - Missouri Faith Voices
  - Missouri PATCH
- **Join us at a Sharefest to volunteer and celebrate our shared ministry!**



## Missouri Family Food Box

7,578 requested versus 1,352 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$26

**Instructions:** Place items in a sturdy box (i.e. Girl Scout cookie boxes), tape and label “**Missouri Family Food Box.**” Please purchase low sodium/low sugar when possible. Include no more than two food box packs per box due to weight.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound pasta             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of vegetables                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans tuna               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar peanut butter                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans chicken            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can pasta sauce                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of oatmeal packets (10 count any flavor) |  |



## Missouri Student Dental Pack

3,778 requested versus 2,066 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$13

**Instruction:** Place items in a 1 gallon zipper storage bag. Place completed packs in boxes labeled with “**Missouri Student Dental Packs**” and the quantity on the exterior.

- 2 adult sized soft toothbrushes (in original package)
- 4 child-sized soft toothbrushes (in original package)
- 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more)
- 1 dental floss OR 1 package of floss picks (any size)





## Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack

5,534 requested versus 1,893 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$30

**Instructions:** Tighten lids and place all items in a large zipper storage bag (2-2.5 gallon). Place completed packs in boxes labeled with “**Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs**” and the quantity on the exterior.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hand towel                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush (in original package)    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 deodorant                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle of body wash (15-22 oz.)     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 razors (disposable)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)          | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 comb (large) OR brush               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle travel skin lotion (1-3 oz.) |



## Ethnically Appropriate Hygiene Items

Estimated  
Pack Value

Market  
Value

**Instructions:** Festival is engaging with partners to offer more inclusive hygiene items that promote comfort for all types of skin and hair. Agencies in Missouri provided feedback to create a list of recommended lotions and Black hair products. A few examples are listed below. Scan the QR code to view Wal-Mart and Amazon shopping lists. Individual items are requested to be collected in boxes labeled as “**Ethnically Appropriate Hygiene Items**” with the number of items on the outside. Items will be accepted at the warehouse or Sharefests.

- Shampoo & Conditioner - Cantu Brand
- Lotion - Palmer’s Cocoa Butter Brand
- Hair Oil - Cantu Brand
- Edge Control - Crème of Nature Brand
- Comb - Metal Picks or Wide Tooth Combs
- Hairbrush - Detangling Brush for Black Natural Hair





## Missouri Paper Product Pack

4,659 requested versus 1,119 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$21

**Instructions:** Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag “**Missouri Paper Products Pack.**”

- 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
- 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6 (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



## Missouri Blankets

1,967 requested versus 600 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$18

**Instructions:** Please donate clean, stain-free blankets. Place them in boxes labeled with either “**Missouri Full-Size Blankets**” or “**Backpacks of Love Blankets**” and the quantity on the exterior.

- Missouri Blankets of Love:** Blanket dimensions: 36 x 45. Quilts or blankets are accepted.
- Missouri Full-Size Blankets:** Throw blankets or twin-King sizes preferred. Quilts or blankets are accepted.



## Missouri Baby Bundle Pack

1,557 requested versus 521 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$35

**Instructions:** Please send newborn to six-month sized new items. Put items in a 2-2.5 gallon zipper storage bag and place completed packs in boxes labeled with “**Missouri Baby Bundles**” and the quantity on the exterior.

- 2 receiving blankets
- 1 sweater, sweatshirt or long-sleeved item
- 3 pack of onesies
- 8-12 count diapers (disposable or cloth)
- 2 sleepers (one-piece or gown)
- 4 diaper pins (if cloth diapers are enclosed)





## Missouri Reading and Writing Pack

3,427 requested versus 2,065 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$15

**Instructions:** Place smaller items in the pencil holder and place in a 2-2.5 gallon zipper storage bag. Place completed packs in boxes labeled with “**Missouri Reading and Writing Pack**” and the quantity on the exterior.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 new pencils with erasers                      | <input type="checkbox"/> zipper pencil holder      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of 10 markers (only 10)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 folders with pockets    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of child-sized metal scissors            | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 large eraser            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 ink pens (medium point) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1, 12-inch ruler                                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2, 70 or 80 page spiral or tape bound notebooks |  |



## Missouri Backpacks of Love

560 requested versus 402 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$38

**Instructions:** A small blanket will be added to the pack for children ages 4-11. Make sure clothing items are new, similar sizes and appropriate for children. Put all items in the backpack. Place them in boxes labeled with “**Missouri Backpacks of Love**” and the quantity on the exterior.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 small stuffed animal                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> pkg. with 3 pairs underpants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 child narrow tooth comb                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pairs of child socks       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 tube flavored toothpaste for kids (4-6 oz.)           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 soft toothbrush for kids (in original package)        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 T-shirt size child medium, child large or adult small |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 small backpack (no backpacks with wheels)             |   |







## Missouri Youth Personal Care Pack

810 requested versus 346 shared in 2023

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$35

**Instructions:** Place all items in a drawstring bag. We have found the size of 17x24 to be helpful to fit all items. Place completed packs in boxes labeled with “Missouri Youth Personal Care Packs” and the quantity on the exterior. We no longer need the male/female distinction. These packs are for youth ages 12-18 who have experienced a crisis and who have been placed in state care or are experiencing homelessness.

**Note:** To make distribution easier, we ask that you try to make kits as gender neutral as possible and donate money for us to add the body spray and feminine items as they are distributed. We request a \$3 donation to be sent to our office for us to purchase body spray and feminine items to be added to the kits as they are handed out.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 chapstick                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle hand sanitizer (3 oz.)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 deodorant                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 travel size toothpaste                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 ink pens                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 travel size lotion                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 journal                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 comb or brush   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 fleece throw                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box medicated facial<br>cleansing pads (i.e. Stridex) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 travel size shampoo<br>AND conditioner |  |



## SEE YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

Festival of Sharing encourages you to explore more mission and service opportunities in your community. You can contact our office for a list of agencies in your area to see if your gifts and talents could be used at other times or in other ways.

Watch for Agency Spotlights on our Facebook page! Follow us at [www.facebook.com/festivalofsharing](http://www.facebook.com/festivalofsharing).



## Agape House of Vandalia

[www.facebook.com/agapehouseofvandalia](http://www.facebook.com/agapehouseofvandalia)

Donation **\$35**

The **Agape House of Vandalia's** mission is to provide affordable overnight lodging to families of offenders in the state correctional centers of Vandalia and Bowling Green, MO. Keeping families intact through these visits is key to a smoother transition home upon release. Guests are asked to pay \$5.00 per night for an adult and \$2.00 per child. Please make reservations by calling **573-594-6755**.



## Missouri Faith Voices

[www.missourifaithvoices.org](http://www.missourifaithvoices.org)

Volunteers & Financial Support Requested

Compelled by faith, **MFV** is committed to transforming the lives of ordinary individuals and families who have been historically impacted due to racism and injustice by equipping them to challenge the systems that create those conditions. They invite community stakeholders to co-create a moral vision for Missouri and engage in the prophetic action necessary to make it a reality. Contact [info@missourifaithvoices.org](mailto:info@missourifaithvoices.org) on how to get involved.



## Missouri PATCH (Parents and their Children)

[www.chillicothepatch.org](http://www.chillicothepatch.org)

Drivers & Financial Support Requested

For over 30 years, **PATCH** has helped children stay connected with their incarcerated mothers which improves emotional and behavioral health in children and lowers recidivism for offenders. Donations from Festival of Sharing provide supplies for lunches, photos for children and mothers during visits, and instruction and supplies for parenting classes. More information and videos of the program can be accessed at [www.chillicothepatch.org](http://www.chillicothepatch.org).



## Missouri Women's Prison Packs

650 requested versus 460 shared in 2023

Donation **\$10 per pack**

Our prayer is to offer hygiene items to promote dignity and cleanliness and express our support for continued healing. A small kit containing shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and an emery board can make a significant impact. For some individuals in correctional facilities, outside relationships with friends or family might be a source of social and financial support. At the correctional facility in Vandalia, MO, financial resources can be used to purchase higher quality items from the facility's market. For those without supplemental finances, basic items are provided by the state.

We invite you to fundraise money (\$10 per pack) and send it to the Festival of Sharing office where we will buy approved supplies in bulk. You can arrange for a day to visit our warehouse and assemble the packs. This streamlines the process and ensures the correct items are given.



# HOW TO SHAREFEST

Keep these guidelines in mind when you're preparing your materials!

## What you can bring

- Any and all kits listed in this book!
- Best Choice Labels
- Garden Seeds
- Blankets & Quilts
- Eyeglasses for Merida Foundation

## What you cannot bring

Please take the following items directly to local agencies that can use them!

- Clothes
- Hearing Aids
- Used tools
- Used Rx Bottles
- Expired food or hygiene products
- Bottles of cleaning agents
- Shoes (Rainbow Network no longer collects)

**Please do not include monetary gifts in kits or boxes.** All cash gifts should be turned into Festival Office or Sharefest attendant.

# BLT Kit and Pack Boxing Instructions



### BOX

Sturdy boxes with lids (banana, egg and copy paper boxes) work best. Please include only one type of kit in each box to avoid confusion and extra sorting time. Do not make boxes heavier than 20 lbs.



### LABEL

Mark each box, both top and side, with what type of kit it is and the number enclosed. Clearly label if it's Missouri or CWS. Please use a felt-tip marker, like a Sharpie, for easier reading.



### TAPE

Secure the box with reinforced tape, so the contents are not accidentally dropped, damaged or soiled.



## Domestic and International Partners Addressing Needs

At the global level, great strides have been made to reduce extreme poverty and mortality rates, increase the use of immunizations, and improve access to fresh water and nutritious foods. Festival of Sharing strives to support domestic and international partners who are working to equip and encourage individuals and communities with sustainable tools. Whether it be through education, advocacy, medicine, disaster response or training, we are grateful for the opportunities God provides for working together.



Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision-makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. The mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Members use annual letter writing campaigns and Offerings of Letters to urge Congress to invest and protect key programs that help improve the lives of people facing hunger and poverty. Supported with prayer, tens of thousands of letters are sent to Congress each year, and act as a bold witness to God's justice and mercy and significantly impact legislative decisions.

You can find more information about ways to act with Bread for the World at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).



**Merida**  
[www.meridafoundation.org](http://www.meridafoundation.org)

**Eyeglasses and  
Financial Support**

The Merida Foundation is a charity focusing efforts on nutrition and vision resources for residents in rural villages in Mexico's Yucatan state. The organization supports nutritious meals for hundreds of children at 14 sites and rehabilitates used eyeglasses for residents, reaching thousands of people with vision impairments each year. One small donation of something no longer needed allows a child to see the blackboard, a woman to continue her sewing, or a man to read a newspaper.



**Mobility Worldwide**  
[www.giftofmobility.org](http://www.giftofmobility.org)

**\$425 Donation**

Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia reflects the love of God by bringing the gift of mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk. Donations of \$425 can provide a Mobility Cart for a child or adult. The hand-cranked or pull carts allow individuals to travel places regular wheelchairs won't. For more information, contact us at **573-886-7877** or **info@GiftofMobility.org**



**Heifer International**  
[www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

**Financial Support  
Requested**

**INCOME Project in Cambodia** - The Improving Income and Nutrition through Community Empowerment (INCOME) project works to improve the livelihoods and food security of the rural farm families in Cambodia. The project focuses on improving and specializing farmers' production and provides specialist support such as advice on improving chicken housing and access to community vets. The project also works with local cooperatives to identify opportunities for farmers to sell their products to increase their income.



**The Rainbow Network**  
[www.rainbownetwork.org](http://www.rainbownetwork.org)

**Financial Support  
Requested**

The Rainbow Network's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ by partnering with people in Nicaragua to work on issues of healthcare, education, economic development and housing. As a partnership-based nonprofit, The Rainbow Network seeks to implement sustainable programs that empower the people of Nicaragua to rebuild their own futures and to break the generational cycle of extreme poverty. All work is done through organizations within each community in order to foster a sense of self-sufficiency and independence.



**SOSA**  
[www.endhunger.org/ppp](http://www.endhunger.org/ppp)

**Volunteers & Financial  
Support Requested**

The Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. Please consider donating to help host a gleaning project or find out ways you can volunteer.

Those interested in learning more, contact the organization at [info@endhunger.org](mailto:info@endhunger.org). See Festival's Food Box Challenge to celebrate SOSA's Hunger Action Month in September by visiting [www.festivalofsharing.org/food-box-challenge](http://www.festivalofsharing.org/food-box-challenge)

## SHARING GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Gracious God, thank you for the many ways our words, actions and services can reflect your love and grace in our world. We pray the gifts shared through our cooperative efforts and the work of numerous agencies across our state and internationally can help individuals and communities live healthy and full lives. We are excited to be in mission with one another, celebrating the gifts and talents you have created in us and our communities. **Amen.**

# SUPPORTING CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

*Kits and Financial Support Requested*  
[www.cwskits.org](http://www.cwskits.org)

Church World service is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. They vision a world where everyone has food, voice and a safe place to call home.



**CWS School Kits**  
[www.cwskits.org](http://www.cwskits.org)

Estimated  
Pack Value

**\$15**

\$2 per kit  
shipping fee

**Instructions:** Please place items in the bag. Fold down the top and handles and place rubber band around the bag lengthwise to help secure contents. Canvas bags can be made or purchased locally. If you are unable to buy or make the bags, you can email or call our office to receive pre-made bags donated by churches. Place kits in sturdy boxes and label "**CWS School Kit**" and number of kits.

- 1, 12x14 up to 14x17 finished size, cotton or light-weight canvas bag with cloth handles (unable to accept bags with logos)
- 3, 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- 1, hand-held pencil sharpener (remove packaging)
- 1, pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- 1, 30-cm ruler (12 inch)
- 6, new unsharpened pencils with erasers (remove packaging)
- 1 large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 1 box of 24 ct. crayons (only 24)





## CWS Period Pack

[www.cwskits.org](http://www.cwskits.org)

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$25

\$2 per kit  
shipping fee

**Instructions:** Place all items in a one-gallon sized plastic bag, remove air and seal. All items must be new. Do not enclose personal notes, money or extra items.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Two, 2 oz. hand sanitizer bottles                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 sanitary napkins (Unscented, long, super ultra-thin)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three, 4-gallon bathroom trash bags                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove from packaging.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One travel pack of wet ones                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Tampons (unscented. 5 regular, 5 super absorbency)             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Six laundry detergent sheets (place sheets in small Ziplock bag). |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One pack of flushable wipes (unscented, 42-count)                 |   |



## CWS Hygiene Kits

[www.cwskits.org](http://www.cwskits.org)

Estimated  
Pack Value

\$15

\$2 per kit  
shipping fee

**Instructions:** Place all items in a 1-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the hygiene kit. Cartons that have an extended expiration date will be added to each kit prior to shipment. Place kits in sturdy boxes and label "CWS Hygiene Kits" and the number of kits included.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 standard size Band-Aids®        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush (in original package)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bar of soap (bath size in package)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 nail clippers (remove packaging) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 wide-tooth comb (6" of teeth or more, remove packaging)              |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hand towel, 15x28 to 16x32 (no fingertip, bath or microfiber towels) |







**Instructions:** All cleaning items must be new – all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid tight and seal with packing tape.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1, five-gallon round bucket with resealable lid (cleaned and chemical free)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1, 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1, 25-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 scrub brush (handle optional)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 sponges (including 1 large sponge)   | <input type="checkbox"/> 24, heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45-gallon sizes (remove packaging)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1, 12-56 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray bottles)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1, 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1, 16-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent with cap (10-20 pack wipes also acceptable)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1, 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 dust masks - N95 particulate respirator, 1-3 mm thickness (No surgical masks)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair work gloves - cotton with leather palm or all leather                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 scouring pads - no stainless-steel (remove packaging)  | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 reusable cleaning wipes - no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels (remove packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs waterproof dishwashing gloves, latex-free, nonsurgical, durable for multiple uses (remove packaging) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 36-50 clothespins  |  |





**Instructions:** All items must fit inside their respective Ziploc bags. Remove the excess air from the bags and seal before placing them in backpack. Please do not include cash or coins with backpacks. Please note that items for this backpack could change. Please check **cwskits.org** for the most updated information.

### Supplies Needed

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack - 17"               | <input type="checkbox"/> Two pads of paper - 8.5"x11" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-season blanket - 50"x60" | <input type="checkbox"/> Three pens                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring book                | <input type="checkbox"/> One, two-pocket folder       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons - 24 pack            |   |

### In A Gallon-Size Ziploc

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Five fruit leather strips | <input type="checkbox"/> Six fruit & grain bars                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four protein bars         | <input type="checkbox"/> Four trail mix pouches - 1.75 oz.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ten granola bars          | <input type="checkbox"/> One reusable travel water bottle - 24 oz |

### In A 2.5 Gallon-size Ziploc

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Two bottles of hand sanitizer - 2 oz. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ten disposable masks            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Chapstick                         | <input type="checkbox"/> One travel deodorant            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ten hair ties                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ten tampons                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One small travel hairbrush            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ten sanitary napkins            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four toothpaste/toothbrush packs      | <input type="checkbox"/> One pack of cleaning/baby wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three packs of tissues                |  |





# SHAREFEST 2024 DATES

*Gathering together  
to serve and share*

## What is a Sharefest?

Sharefests are the opportunities in which we gather as communities for service, fellowship and sharing of the packs, kits and funds recognized in this booklet. These events are open to the public and are held in partnership with local churches and organizations across Missouri who are eager to make a positive impact in their area. We encourage delivery of donations directly to one of the locations listed below to ensure agencies receive the greatest number of resources.

### Southwest Region

#### Hood UMC

139 N Walnut Ave.  
Republic, MO 65738

**September 14, 2024**

**Kit Drop-Off:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Church Office  
417-732-2919  
inmonv@hoodumc.org

### Northeast Region

#### Santa Fe Christian Church

35546 State Highway D  
Santa Fe, MO 65282

**September 20-21, 2024**

**Kit Drop-Off:** Friday 4:00-7:00  
p.m., Saturday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Susan Kendrick  
573-473-6850  
skkendrick\_17@hotmail.com

### West Region (KC Area)

#### Red Bridge UMC

636 E 117th St.  
Kansas City, MO 64131

**September 28, 2024**

**Kit Drop-Off:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Church Office  
417-732-2919  
office@redbridgeumc.org

### Southeast Region

#### CrossRoads Global Methodist Church

501 S. Walnut St.,  
Dexter, MO 63841

**October 4, 2024 (Friday)**

**Kit Drop-Off:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Pam Jean  
pamjjean@gmail.com

# Promotional Materials and Presentations for Mission Leaders

Festival of Sharing provides materials to publicize kits and events in your church and community. Full-size publication materials, such as flyers and individual kit content lists, are available on our website. Please visit [www.festivalofsharing.org/media](http://www.festivalofsharing.org/media) to view and download. Limited numbers of physical copies can be requested by contacting the Festival of Sharing office at **573-474-3332** or [festival@socket.net](mailto:festival@socket.net).

Please note, additional Sharefest details, activities and registrations will be published as they become available in the events section of our website. Event arrangements may vary by location.



## Northwest Region

### InterServ Community Center

5400 King Hill Ave.  
St. Joseph, MO 64506

**October 5, 2024**

**Kit Drop-Off:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** InterServ, 816-238-4511

## Central Region

### Tipton UMC

204 US-50  
Tipton, MO 63104

**October 12, 2024**

**Kit Drop-Off:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Sheila Moon  
660-422-2533  
[sheila@iaa-insurance.com](mailto:sheila@iaa-insurance.com)

## East Region (STL Area)

### LifeWise StL

1321 S 11th St.  
St. Louis, MO 63104

**October 12, 2024**

**Kit Drop-Off:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Krescene Beck  
[krescenebeck@gmail.com](mailto:krescenebeck@gmail.com)

Festival of Sharing is not possible without the help of churches and organizations throughout Missouri. If you are interested in supporting a Sharefest, please email [festival@socket.net](mailto:festival@socket.net) or call **573-474-3332** to get connected.



## WORKING TOGETHER, MAKING AN IMPACT



Festival of Sharing has long been an opportunity for people of various backgrounds to collectively respond to hunger and poverty in Missouri and beyond. In 2023, **300** volunteers donated over **1,500** hours of time to the **seven** Sharefest events across the state. This time was spent packing hygiene and dental kits, assembling paper product packs and food boxes, tying fleece blankets, packaging rice, unloading and loading vehicles, counting and sorting kits, praying over gifts, greeting volunteers, and learning about the work agencies do.

While the work occurring at the Sharefests is integral in making this cooperative ministry happen, equally important are the hours spent preparing and gathering resources throughout the year. Early on, churches and groups begin thinking about what kits they want to focus on and sites start discussing the logistics of the events.



It's important to recognize that while churches of all sizes participate in Festival of Sharing, a significant portion of the efforts are supported by churches in our more rural or smaller communities. In 2023, **65%** of participating churches represented communities of 5,000 or less and their donations accounted for **75%** of non-cash gifts (packs and kits) collected at the Sharefests.

It is clear God is at work through these congregations and their collective efforts towards something bigger have an impact beyond what can be put into words. Festival of Sharing is grateful for the combined gifts, talents, time, and prayers that provide hope and love to agencies and all those they serve.



# 2023 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

## *Celebrating how much you shared*

We celebrate our collective efforts to share gifts with agencies across Missouri and internationally. Here is an overview of non-cash gifts distributed and collected through the 2023 Sharefests:

**AGENCY PARTNERS** 79

**AGENCY PATRONS (PER MONTH)** +48,000

**VOLUNTEERS** Local church and community members helped direct traffic, unload vehicles, count supplies, pray over the donations, and pack rice and other kits



## Shared Around Missouri in 2023

**Baby Bundles:** 521  
**Backpacks of Love:** 402  
**Beans:** 2,000 lbs. (SEMO)  
**Best Choice Labels:** 28,000  
**Blankets:** 600  
**Family Food Boxes:** 1,852  
**Paper Products:** 1,019  
**Personal Hygiene:** 1,893

**Prison Packs:** 460  
**Popcorn:** 2,000 lbs. (SEMO)  
**Reading & Writing:** 2,056  
**Rice:** 12,200 lbs.  
**Student Dental Packs:** 2,066  
**Youth Personal Care:** 346  
**Misc. items given locally:** \$12,821



## Shared Around the World in 2023

**CWS School Kits:** 1,930  
**CWS Hygiene Kits:** 1,305  
**CWS Cleanup Buckets:** 36  
**Eyeglasses:**  
**Welcome Backpacks:** 13  
**CWS Period Packs:** 125



## Meeting Hunger Needs

Festival of Sharing was gifted a legacy gift that has multiplied its impact through two grant programs. Growing Access Grants have supported Festival of Sharing agencies who seek to tackle food insecurity or promote nutrition in their communities. Cooperative Response grants recognize churches who work cooperatively across denomination lines to respond to poverty in their community. If you are interested in legacy giving or supporting the grant programs, please reach out! Donations designated as “Hunger Needs” are used through the Growing Access Grant program.



# QUILTING FOR CHANGE

The Festival of Sharing hosts an annual quilt auction to raise funds for the Church World Service Blanket program, [www.cwsblankets.org](http://www.cwsblankets.org), which helps people rebuild their lives after difficult times. The 2023 auction was held online and folks were invited to bid on 57 beautifully quilted items. Winning bidders came from California, Connecticut, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia. Proceeds for Church World Service totaled \$8,634. That represents 863 blankets of hope and comfort!

## 2024 QUILT AUCTION

Please join us 10 a.m. CST Sunday, Nov. 3, through 10 a.m. CST on Saturday, Nov. 9, for an online auction. Quilt photos, details and bidding directions will be accessible from our quilt auction webpage, [www.festivalofsharing.org/quilts](http://www.festivalofsharing.org/quilts), one month prior to bidding going live.

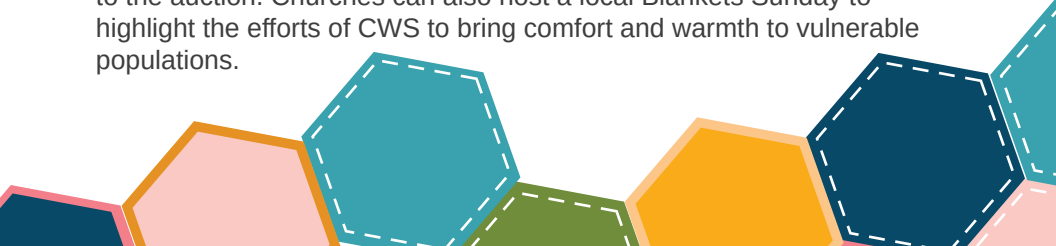
Get all your shopping done at once and help us reach our goal of raising \$10,000! Quilts make great gifts for birthdays, weddings, new babies and Christmas.

## PARTICIPATION

Please send quilt donations to 3601 Amron Court Columbia, MO 65202 **by August 23, 2024**, with the attached form. This year we will be featuring the following quilt categories:

- Crib/toddler boy/girl
- Queen
- Lap/throw
- King
- Full

Donations outside of these categories can be sold locally by the donor and the proceeds forwarded to Festival of Sharing as a contribution to the auction. Churches can also host a local Blankets Sunday to highlight the efforts of CWS to bring comfort and warmth to vulnerable populations.





# Quilt Submission Form

## 2024

Quilt Name \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY**    Crib/Toddler/Boy (36x54)    Crib/Toddler/Girl (36x54)    Lap/Throw (54/64)    Full (84x90)    Queen (90x95)    King (108x95)

**QUILT TOP**   Made By \_\_\_\_\_

**FEATURES**    Applique    Embroidery    Machine    Patchwork/Pieced

**QUILTED BY** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUILTING TYPE**    Hand    Custom    Meander Machine    Machine Pattern

**ESTIMATED COST OF MATERIALS** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUILT STORY** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY CONTACT INFO**   Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_   Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_   City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_   Zip \_\_\_\_\_   Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

*By filling out this form, you consent to your name and email address being shared with Church World Service.*



# RECORD OF GIVING FORM

All donations should be accompanied by a Record of Giving form, shown below. You can download the full-sized form or record your gifts on our digital form by visiting [www.festivalofsharing.org/kitinstructions](http://www.festivalofsharing.org/kitinstructions)

## FESTIVAL OF SHARING—2024 RECORD OF GIVING

For Cash and Non Cash Gifts Delivered to Festival of Sharing/Sharefests

Submission: Take to Sharefest Event **OR** if not attending, mail to Festival of Sharing, 3601 Amron Court, Columbia, MO 65202

Please make checks payable to "MOAC" or "Missouri Annual Conference." Put Festival of Sharing and desired fund in memo line.

CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

Save postage and email my cash donation receipt (check for yes!)  Add me to the Festival e-Newsletter list

DELIVERED TO (Sharefest location or Warehouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to MOAC or Missouri Annual Conference

### CASH GIFTS

Where Needed Most..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beans and Rice..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best Choice Labels..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church World Service  
     CWS Kits..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     CWS Kit Shipping..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     CWS Blankets Program..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat for Humanity  
     Missouri Affiliate (Please Name Affiliate)  
         \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Habitat International..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heifer International  
     U.S. – Arkansas..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     INCOME Project, Cambodia..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Other Animals..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Undesignated Fund..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hunger Needs in Missouri..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 MO Faith Voices..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 MO Pack/Kit  
     \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobility Worldwide  
     Columbia..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Southwest Missouri..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prison Ministries  
     Agape House– Vandalia..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     PATCH– Chillicothe..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rainbow Network..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seeds..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Society of St. Andrew (Potato Project)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### NON-CASH INTERNATIONAL GIFTS

#### Church World Service (CWS)

Emergency Clean-Up Buckets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hygiene Kits \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quilt for Auction: Fair Market Value \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Period Packs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Kits \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Welcome Backpacks \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Also For International Use

Eyeglasses \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### NON-CASH MISSOURI GIFTS

#### For Use in Missouri

Baby Bundles \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 35.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Backpacks of Love \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 38.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Backpack Blanket Fair Market Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blanket \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 15.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ethnic Hygiene Items Market Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Food Pack \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 26.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garden seed packets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 0.50..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paper Products Pack \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 21.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Hygiene Pack \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 30.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prison Pack \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 10.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reading & Writing Packs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 15.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Dental Pack \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 13.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth Pack \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 35.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Hunger Needs in Missouri

Best Choice Labels \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 0.03 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**A. TOTAL CASH ENCLOSED...\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. TOTAL VALUE OF ALL NON-CASH GIFTS.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. TOTAL VALUE OF ALL CASH AND NON-CASH GIFTS ENCLOSED (A+B).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Cash gifts received after December 15, 2024 will be remitted to the partner agencies in 2025. Please include only gifts (both cash and non-cash) delivered to Festival of Sharing. Gifts sent or delivered directly to an agency are not included in our totals. Submit this record to a Sharefest event or mail us a copy. Make checks payable to "MOAC" with Festival of Sharing and desired fund in memo line.



