

September 26, 2009 UPDATE CHARITY DONATIONS

In our previous travels in Mexico, we have found the following items are needed and can be given to any of our chosen charities, along with any specific requests the charity may have. This list is not meant to be all inclusive, but should give some direction for items you can bring with you. Choose a few of these items and stash them in your vehicles; remember: a lot of us doing a little adds up to surprising volumes.

CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs

Gently used clothing items (any size, adults or children)

Sweaters/light weight jackets (adults or children)

Personal hygiene items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, hand soap, feminine products, etc.

Sheets, pillow cases, blankets, pillows (any size will do)

Towels, face cloths

Cleaning supplies, disinfectants

Non-perishable food items

Socks, shoes, shoe laces

Pajamas and robes (any size, adults or children)

School supplies

- Backpacks

- Notebooks (wide ruled, and college ruled)

- Pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners

- Colored pencils

- Color crayons, coloring books

- Colored construction paper

- Scissors (both for little kids and older kids), some for “lefties” would be good,

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- Protractors

- Glue

- Folders

- Markers

- Computers/laptops

Sports Equipment

- Soccer balls

- Baseballs

- Mitts/gloves/bats

- Tennis balls

- Basketballs

- Dodge ball-type balls

Gifts for children (teachers are always in need of small items to give to children for their birthdays)

- Stickers

- Small stuffed animals

- Hair ornaments for girls

- Matchbox cars for boys

“Sparkly/decorated” pens
Small toys for children aged 2 - 12

Remember, cash donations can also be given and are always needed. And, they don't take up much room!

Don't forget items for the auctions! These are fun evenings held during the trip and raise quite a bit of money, also. We usually have one auction set aside specifically for CARE. We accept almost anything to be auctioned: wine, books on tape, home-made food items, crafts, name of the cleanest rest room in the area, etc.

Chapter 8 is always so generous. Thanks for your participation.

Marcy Davidson
Charity Committee Chairman