



ACTIVITY BOOKLET



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Toiletries

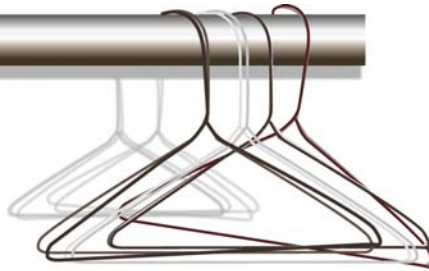
Linens

Clothing

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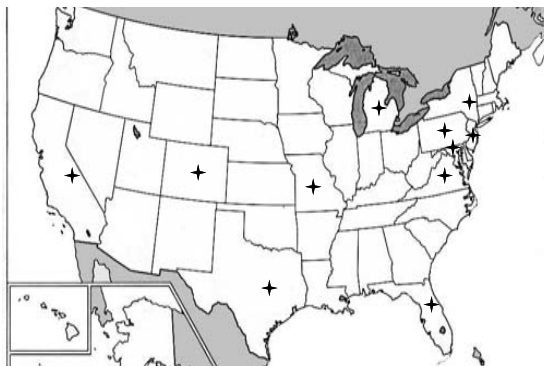
Can't decide what to wear?

Some people have
no choice.



NGA's mission is to improve the quality of life for economically disadvantaged individuals in the United States by collecting and distributing NEW gifts of clothes, linens and personal care items to them.

Using an established network of volunteers we have distributed over 110.6 million items to those who need a helping hand. NGA gifts are given through nearly 100 established agencies in the Greater Philadelphia Area, such as American Red Cross Homeless Shelter, Baptist Children's Services, Bucks County Head Start, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Helping Hand Rescue Mission, Inglis House, Philadelphia Department of Human Services, and Salvation Army. These agencies pass the clothing on to their needy clients. We also have given items to other agencies in 10 other states.



In 2005 NGA had 41 volunteer branches distributing items to disadvantaged people through a network of 214 community agencies.

We make a difference:

"We absolutely would not be able to assist area families with any degree of realistic, solid impact without the willing and openhearted charity of caring community members such as you. It is only through such generosity that we have been able to continue to make a difference for more than 33 years."

- Aldersgate Youth Service Bureau, PA

"It is so important for our young children to feel they are the 'same' with their peers and fitting in with the proper clothes is crucial to them (and their parents). Thank you for making it all possible. I've served Greenvale for the past 38 years and can not imagine what we would do without the NGA."

- Greenvale School, SC

"The new clothes enable our self-sufficiency clients to look and feel confident at job interviews."

- Bucks County Opportunity Council, PA

Here is how you can make a difference:

We begin with a list of **22 ideas** that may be appealing to you. If you decide to use an idea that is not outlined in this booklet, please feel free to do so! We encourage you to use your creativity—this booklet is merely a source of ideas, please do not feel limited to these suggestions or the directions.

Do you have suggestions about how you want to help the needy through NGA, Inc.? Contact us to find out more. Supplies, support materials, and prizes are available.

You are free to duplicate this booklet for others at your institution who are interested in ways they can help people in need get new clothes, toiletries, and linens through NGA, Inc.

ACTION IDEAS

1. Dance marathons are a fun way to raise money for charity. Participants get people to sponsor them – then see who can raise the most money.
2. Pudding wrestling is a spectacle that will draw a lot of paying customers.
3. Tennis, anyone? Or basketball? Or softball? How about having a field day of sporting competitions, or a charity tournament? Participants can either pay an entrance fee or get sponsored.
4. **Tread for Threads walk-a-thon!** Join us in October, or organize your own walk at a different time during the year. This is an ideal way to exercise and raise money (participants obtain sponsors).

COLLECTION IDEAS

5. **Host a “birthday party” to collect new clothes for disadvantaged people.**
6. **Host a “baby shower” to collect new clothes for infants that need them.**
7. Hold a collection for NEW clothing, linen or toiletry items. We’ll accept any type of new clothing (tops, bottoms, girls, boys, children’s, adults), linens (blankets, sheets, towels, etc.), or toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, etc.)
8. Have a “Clothe a Child” event where a different teams could each buy an article of clothing for a certain age group. The end result would be many complete outfits.

EASY IDEAS

9. Collect grocery receipts (a percentage of proceeds from collected receipts goes to NGA). ACME and Redner’s have a receipt program. Register your Genuardi’s card online at www.escrip.com.
10. “I Care” days—this could be as simple as setting up a table during lunch and handing out NGA literature. NGA has “I Care” stickers available at National Headquarters that you could sell to those interested.

FUN IDEAS

11. Have an “American Idol” style singing competition. See what talent is hiding in your fellow classmates – maybe even the faculty will join in!
12. Host a carnival for charity and donate a percentage of the profit or admission fee to NGA.
13. Broadway or bust! A talent show can include gifts of all kinds from singing & dancing to stand-up comedy. Charge admission, or ask for donations.
14. Have a craft fair. For those who paint, do sand art, quilt, etc. a craft fair is a terrific way to show creative flair and raise money to help clothe needy people.
15. Host a “Battle Of The Bands” event in which bands compete to win. Bands could donate a certain amount of money for being able to perform in the event, and a percentage would be donated to NGA.
16. Video game tournament—XBOX, Game Cube, Playstation2—you choose. Charge a participation fee and let the challenge begin!

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

17. Car washes are a great way to stay cool and generate funds.
18. “T-Shirts For Tomorrow” campaign - NGA has paper t-shirts that can be sold for \$1.00 each. They can be decorated with names, messages, pictures, etc. and then hung in your cafeteria or student lounge area.
19. Art sales are a great way to showcase local talent and collect money for NGA.
20. Have a bake sale. Sell sweets for a good cause!
21. **Have a “Miles of Pennies, or Dimes” event.** A ½ mile of pennies means you’ve collected \$422.40, and if you collect a mile it’s \$844.80! (For dimes, 1 mile = \$8,976.00)
22. **Sock Drop game** – participants try to throw regular sized socks, which are knotted, into a five-foot tall sock that is suspended in the air. The cost is \$1 for three tries.

(**Bold** items have outlined instructions in this booklet.)



Birthday Party or Baby Shower

1. Send personal invitations to fellow students, teachers, community members asking each person to bring in a gift for the party. Emphasize that the gift should be an article of clothing, linen, or a toiletry, not a toy. Age and sex should be determined ahead of time.
2. Decorate, plan games, and make refreshments.
3. Unwrap gifts at the party and then give to a local NGA branch, or to one of NGA's partner agencies in your area.
4. Call for a listing of currently registered agencies.

Miles of Pennies, or Dimes

1. Using collection cans (decorated optional) or piggy banks, your goal is to collect either a mile of pennies or dimes.
 - A mile of pennies = \$844.80!
 - A mile of dimes = \$8,976.00!
2. Create a goal thermometer to indicate how you are doing on the collection
3. After the collection is completed, roll the coins and drop them off at the NGA National Office, or convert the money to a check and send the donation to NGA.



Sock Drop Game

1. Set up Sock Drop game
2. Charge \$1 for three attempts to throw knotted socks into the giant sock.

Tread for Threads



1. Decide who will be in charge of this event and a treasurer may be helpful.
 - Social Contract – 2 people need to own the responsibility, return the form so we have names and signatures.
2. Have a meeting with your group/club/friends to tell about NGA and generate interest in having a Tread for Threads walk.
3. Determine a time and date for the walk and registration deadline.
4. Promote the walk on your campus or in your neighborhood and get sponsors.
5. Collect the registration slip and pledges. Tell NGA how many t-shirts you will need (order extra for people who show up the day of the walk).
 - Money needs to go in a secure location
6. On the day of the walk, set up a registration table (where the walk will begin) to collect sponsor forms and money and distribute t-shirts.
 - You may want to have envelopes available for people to put the money they collected in. A calculator may also be helpful.
 - You may want to have a box to place the money envelopes.
 - Post signs at the beginning, end, and halfway point on the trail.
7. Walk! You may want to have a nurse on hand or at least available in case there is a medical emergency. Have





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