

# MISSION PROJECTS

Missouri Baptist Children's Home



2024 Projects



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## Join Us in Serving God's Children

Caring for the least of these is a joy and a blessing we don't want to keep to ourselves. While MBCH provides targeted resources and support for children in need, the entire church is meant to actively invest in families' well-being. We believe every member of the body of Christ can get involved in the work of MBCH and The LIGHT House. Whether you're seven or seventy, social or shy, well-to-do or barely getting by, we've put together some ideas to help you find your unique place serving children in the Kingdom of God.

Mission projects are not limited to any one type of group. Projects have been completed by church groups such as WMU, Baptist Men, R.A.'s and G.A.'s, AWANA's and Sunday school classes; by clubs such as Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary. Groups of volunteers from colleges and local businesses have also completed projects to benefit MBCH.

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### how to use **THIS BOOKLET**

Christians across the state carry the burden to help children, youth and families and want to get involved. This booklet is designed to give individuals, church congregations, groups, or businesses ideas that others have used to support the ministry of MBCH and The LIGHT House (LH).

#### **Set a Goal**

Any project is more successful if you set a goal – either a dollar amount or a certain number of participants.

#### **Create a Project Team**

Develop a Project Team to help plan, implement and celebrate in the successes of being the hands and feet of Christ. We are not meant to do this alone and no one person has all the talents and resources on their own.

#### **Spread the Word**

This is key and start early! There are so many ways to get the word out, we've listed a few below but get creative:

- Bulletin inserts
- Flyers
- Posters
- Sign up sheets
- Facebook
- Church announcements
- Newsletters
- Sunday School class contest
- Enlist the pastor to promote it from the pulpit

#### **Start with a Bang!**

Sometimes a kick-off event, like a party or a meal, is another good way to publicize a project.

#### **Post Event Follow Up**

After the event report to the church or group the event success. We also encourage you to have a "Send Off Party" to pray over any items before they are sent or picked up by MBCH or The LIGHT House.

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# Host A Fundraiser Or Collection

## keys to SUCCESS

While we always appreciate financial donations to MBCH and The LIGHT House, hosting a collection offers the added benefits of increasing engagement and awareness of MBCH and LH ministries within your church or community while getting people together. Use our tips to get started; then make the event your own!

Whichever collection feels like the right fit for your church/group, follow these keys to success:

- Talk to your Regional Representative about helping you plan a drive or coming to speak about MBCH and The LIGHT House.
- Make plenty of announcements and advertisements about donation lists, giving deadlines, and event dates.
- Collections should last at least a month to give everyone time to purchase and donate items.
- Consider launching a collection with a party or presentation to increase engagement and inform others about MBCH and LH ministries.
- Set giving goals at the beginning; then use posters and announcements to track your progress.
- Make giving easy by setting up a clear spot for donations.
- Take plenty of pictures of events for social media.
- At the end of the collection, announce the results to celebrate God's faithfulness. Remind members that donations can still be made to MBCH or LH.

### To submit your donations to MBCH or The LIGHT House:

- Deposit any coins or cash at your local bank.
- Send a check to MBCH, 11300 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044 OR The LIGHT House, PO Box 22553, Kansas City, MO 64113.
- Contact your Regional Representative to arrange a pick-up (see back cover for information).
- We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).

## host a MINI-EVENT

Many groups would like to participate in an informational, fund-raising event for the benefit of Missouri Baptist Children's Home or The LIGHT House.

We are encouraging local churches/groups to sponsor and coordinate their own "mini-events" in their communities around one of the following themes:

- Spaghetti or taco dinners
- Trivia nights
- Mini quilt & craft auction
- Golf tournaments
- Volleyball tournaments/marathons
- Community-wide "Fun Runs" or 5Ks
- Large rummage sales
- Youth service auctions
- Movie nights with love offering
- Bake sale/pie or cake silent auctions

### how it works

1. Establish a Project Team to brainstorm possible events and select one to conduct in your church/community.
2. Inform your Regional Representative (contact information on back cover) about the event and the anticipated date. Your Regional Representative can meet with the team to give advice and provide information about the ministries of MBCH or The LIGHT House that you may wish to emphasize.
3. Begin early to publicize the event in your church and/or community. Explain the purpose of the event clearly. People will support the event if they understand that all funds raised will go to the ministries of MBCH or The LIGHT House. To receive help in publicizing through MBCH social media contact MBCH Communications team at [communications@mbch.org](mailto:communications@mbch.org).

4. Encourage people to volunteer for an event to help coordinate all aspects of the event.
5. Invite your Regional Representative to be present to briefly share about MBCH or The LIGHT House at the event.
6. Take lots of pictures to post on social media during and after the event.

### after the event

1. When the event is over, announce that donations can still be made even if people couldn't participate directly in the event.
2. Contact your Regional Representative to make arrangements for pick up (see contact information on back).
3. We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).

## host a **BIBLE BONANZA**

Do you want to help put the Word of God in the hands of children, women, and teens? We give everyone we serve a Bible. You can either donate money for us to buy Bibles or collect copies of The Beginner's Bible, the NIV Adventure Bible, and the New Women's Devotional Bible.

### how it works

1. Ask the members of your church, group and community to donate the specified Bibles.
2. Put a box for donations in the sanctuary or other high-traffic areas.
3. It is a good idea to set a goal for your church/group to reach; you can make posters and post your progress for the church to see.

### after the event

1. After the campaign, announce how many Bibles were collected. Call your Regional Representative to arrange for the Bibles to be picked up.
2. We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).

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## **KOINS4KIDS**

Have kids turn soda cans or jars into piggy banks to collect money for MBCH and The LIGHT House. We've seen Sunday school classes, VBS programs, Awana groups, and other children's clubs raise surprising sums, as kids love getting involved to help others.

### how it works

1. Start by hosting a Koins4Kids party where kids play games, eat snacks, and decorate their piggy banks.
2. Encourage competition between classes/ages by weighing the coins or counting the money at the end.
3. Ask the kids and their families to return their banks on a certain date (usually at least 30 days from distribution).
4. Announce the result and then reward success—everyone loves a pizza party!
5. Deposit the money at your local bank and send a check to MBCH or LH (see page 4 for details).
6. We love hearing your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).

 **RESTORATION**

## host a **CHRISTMAS IN JULY EVENT**

While Christmas is the season of giving, it can be such a stressful season that many forget to give to ministries at all! Instead, host Christmas in July to collect toiletries and personal items for children, teens, and women living in an MBCH or LH facility or foster home. Make your Christmas party complete with holiday decorations, carols, and food.

All items must be new in original packaging.  
Needed toiletries include:

- Cantu hair products
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Nail polish
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes & floss
- Lip balm
- "Spa" baskets or items
- Work gloves
- Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- Picks, large combs & hairbrushes

### how it works

1. Set a date to begin the project and begin publicizing it.
2. Provide collection boxes for people to bring the items. Allow at least two or three weeks for the project.
3. You may want to begin or end the project with a Christmas party or fellowship using Christmas decorations.
4. Contact your Regional Representative to arrange for the items to be picked up.
5. We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).



## host a **WHITEOUT SHOWER**

Don't let snow days get you down! Embrace winter by hosting a "whiteout" shower, named after conditions of poor visibility due to heavy snowfall and wind, to collect everyday necessities for MBCH and The LIGHT House. For your fellowship event, serve only white desserts, instruct attendees to wear white, and give a prize for the most creative outfit.

We need new non-perishable items, including:

- Paper towels & napkins
- Tissues
- Toilet paper
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips
- Kitchen & bath towels
- Sheets & pillowcases (twin size)
- Laundry detergent
- Athletic socks
- Copy paper
- Dryer sheets
- Women's hygiene products

### how it works

1. Set a date to begin the project and begin publicizing it.
2. You can have fun promoting this event with creative announcements and posters.
3. Host your fellowship event and have fun!
4. Contact your Regional Representative to arrange for the items to be picked up.
5. We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).





## host a **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Too busy for an event? Make contributing easy by distributing empty baby bottles to collect money for The LIGHT House. Participants can collect money at home or send a pro-life message by setting up the bottles within their workplaces or businesses.

Consider your campaign around Mother's Day or in January, which is Sanctity of Human Life month. Reach out to your Regional Representative for fundraising baby bottles and informational materials about The LIGHT House ministry.

### how it works

1. Select a date to for the campaign and publicize the campaign to inform the people about the ministries of The LIGHT House.
2. Distribute baby bottles to your church, group or family and/or include a large baby bottle bank in your Sunday School classroom. Contact your Regional Representative for baby bottles and other promotional materials about this ministry.
3. On a specific date, the filled bottles are returned.

### after the event

1. When the Baby Bottle Drive is completed, you can bring all the bottles together, count and announce the amount your church raised.
2. Deposit the money at your local bank and send a check to MBCH or LH (see page 4 for details).
3. We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).

## host a **BABY SHOWER OF BLESSINGS**

Choosing life deserves a celebration! Invite the women of your church to bring donations to a baby shower complete with snacks, desserts, and games as you help moms feel the tangible love of God.

We ask that all items be new and if possible with a preference for gender-neutral gifts. Some items our moms always need include:

- Lotions & creams
- Wipes, diapers & pull-ups (all sizes)
- Infant formula
- Bibs
- Crib sheets
- Sleep sacks
- Infant & child car seats
- Educational baby toys
- Baby clothing
- Receiving blankets & swaddles
- Bouncers
- Baby shampoo & soap
- Diaper bags

### how it works

1. Just as you would host a church baby shower for a woman in your church, host a baby shower for the women that come to MBCH and The LIGHT House.
2. Invite all the women in the church and ask them to bring non-perishable items that will help these new moms care for their new babies.
3. Have fun with it! Have snacks and games just as you would at a church member's shower!

### after the event

1. When the Baby Shower is over, announce that donations can still be made even if they couldn't make it to the shower.
2. Contact your Regional Representative to arrange for the items to be picked up.
3. We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to [social.media@mbch.org](mailto:social.media@mbch.org).

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Missouri Baptist Children's Home is committed to serving God by responding to the needs of children, youth and families to make a lasting difference in their lives.

# More Ways to Help

## celebrate with a BIRTHDAY OFFERING PARTY

Encourage church members to celebrate their birthdays by giving to MBCH, a tradition that started in 1890, when William S. Crouch of First Baptist Church of Carrollton donated a penny for each year of his life to MBCH. We can help you honor members' birthdays by supplying free birthday cards, birthday pencils, collection envelopes, house-shaped collection banks, and birthday mugs for adults who give one dollar for each year they've lived.

In addition to presenting members with cards, pencils, and mugs in front of the church, you can host an annual birthday party for everyone. Have members sit at tables by their birthday month and enjoy games and cake before sharing about MBCH ministries.

Some churches also have a "Muggers Club" that encourages members to build a complete collection of MBCH birthday mugs by donating annually. A Regional Representative would be happy to come "mug" your pastor as a way of kicking off your club!

### how it works

- Birthday Offering Banks are available for churches, Sunday School classes or mission groups to use in collecting the Birthday Offering.
- MBCH provides free birthday cards for you to send to members of your church or group.
- "Happy Birthday" pencils are available as a token of appreciation from MBCH for those participating in the Birthday Offering. These pencils have traditionally been presented to children who give at least a penny for each year of their lives.
- Birthday Mugs are available as a token of appreciation to adults who participate in the Birthday Offering by giving a dollar for each year being celebrated. The design and color of the mug is changed yearly.
- Many churches have formed "Muggers Clubs" of people who support the Birthday Offering annually. MBCH Regional Representatives are available to come to your church to "mug" the pastor as a way of beginning such a club in your church.
- Please note that MBCH is NOT selling Birthday Mugs to people for a dollar per year. The mug is a "thank you" gift to people for supporting the ministries of MBCH in this way.
- Birthday Offering envelopes are available for the donor's convenience and can be included with the birthday greeting card.
- Order free birthday supplies at [mbch.org/birthday-offering](http://mbch.org/birthday-offering).

## quilts for the STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Help raise money for MBCH by making a new (not aged or antique) quilt to auction off at the Strawberry Festival, held annually at First Baptist Church of Arnold on the second Saturday in June. **Often the average selling price of a queen size quilt can feed 1 child for 10 weeks!**

We encourage you to get your local quilt guild or quilt shops involved.

To maximize the amount your quilt will sell for, follow these tips:

- Learn which color schemes are in style by browsing quilts in retail stores or talk to your local quilt shop.
- Make sure all fabrics coordinate well, front and back. Use pre-washed fabrics of a similar weight and texture. Cotton and polyester are preferable to heavy knits.
- Bigger is better; think queen and king sizes.
- Instead of painting or drawing a pattern, consider making a whole-cloth quilt in white or cream, a popular option that sells extremely well.
- Superior workmanship counts!
  - The binding should be firm and filled with three layers of material, without pulls or ripples.
  - Use small, even stitches that go through all three layers, with no visible knots or back-stitches.
  - Joining seams should be neat, straight, and flat, and blocks should be uniform in size.
  - Trim patchwork pieces evenly, cut with the grain, press pieces toward the dark side of the seam, and align corners evenly.
  - Finish off edges with precise corners, points, and curves, leaving no raw seams visible.
  - Finally, make sure the finished quilt is neat, clean, free from pencil marks or spots, and square when laid flat.

Deliver or ship your quilt to MBCH, 11300 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044 three weeks before the festival. You can also contact your Regional Representative for pick-up. See contact information on back.

**For more information, forms, and quilt tips visit:**  
[www.mbch.org/strawberry-festival](http://www.mbch.org/strawberry-festival)



# A Volunteer

If you'd rather roll up your sleeves and get to work, our campuses are always looking for both volunteers and donations. To get involved, call 314.739.6811 and ask for the Outreach Manager/Volunteer & Intern Coordinator.

## volunteer MARTIN YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER

The Martin Youth Drop-In Center at the Lowe-Frillman campus in Bridgeton gives homeless and under-housed teens a safe place to hang out while covering basic needs like showers, laundry services, free meals, and homework help. You can help by:

- Welcoming and getting to know teens
- Assisting students with homework (perfect for teachers!)
- Serving with laundry and meal preparation
- Providing food or hygiene items
- Helping to access resources

In addition to having you complete a background check, we'll equip you with training before you get started.

## sponsor/volunteer FAMILY FOSTER RETREAT WEEKEND

This is a weekend retreat for residents at each of the campuses plus youth in foster home placement and their foster parents or relative providers.

### be a sponsor

- Help fund this event for youth and their foster/relative families (\$250 per sponsorship)

For sponsorship information:

James Morrow  
james.morrow@mbch.org  
314.737.6804

### be a volunteer

- Volunteers may assist with registration, recreation, hydration tents, etc.
- Volunteers can stay for the whole weekend, a day or a few hours.
- Volunteers will have an opportunity to help and also enjoy some of the amenities.

For volunteer information:

Von Hulin  
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## volunteer CAMPUS STORE - LOWE-FRILLMAN CAMPUS

Churches, individuals and organizations have been very generous in providing resources for the children, teens, adults and families we serve. In order for us to be good stewards of all that we have been given, it takes a lot of work receiving, organizing and preparing items for distribution to our clients. We always need volunteers to organize and this is a great service project opportunity for youth groups, church groups, or a few friends.

If you'd like to donate, our kids and families need the following new items (*Please keep in mind that some items are used as gifts for our kids and families*):

- Twin sheet sets & pillows
- Kitchen towels & dish cloths
- Bath towels, hand towels, & wash cloths
- Hand soap & hand sanitizer
- Lotion
- Cantu hair products
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Tissues
- Toilet paper
- Women's hygiene products
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- Dish soap
- Lysol spray
- All-purpose cleaning sprays & wipes
- Underwear (male & female, toddler through adults)
- Sweatpants, t-shirts, & pajamas (male & female, toddler through adults)
- Wipes, diapers & Pull-Ups (all sizes)
- Infant & child car seats (must be new)

## volunteer SPRUCE UP PARTY

Most churches and small groups have members who enjoy being outdoors and would rather work in the yard or do repair work than do almost any other kind of volunteer project. A yard crew or spruce-up group can be a great time of fellowship where your members get to know each other and also learn about the ministries of MBCH and The LIGHT House.

Yard and spruce-up crews might help with the following tasks:

- Mowing
- Trimming
- Planting trees or flowers
- Painting
- Fence maintenance or repair
- Leaf removal
- Other tasks as needed

### how it works

1. Contact MBCH or The LIGHT House and ask if there are tasks your group can do.
2. Select a member of your group to be the contact person.
3. Determine if tools and supplies are needed.
4. Schedule and publicize the event. Let people know how much time this project will take.
5. We love to hear your stories! Send pictures and stories to social.media@mbch.org.



# Contact Us

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