



Help those returning to the community

Returning to the community after incarceration is challenging. To assist individuals with getting a head start, Inside Out Reentry Community provides a backpack filled with hygiene products and other items to aid the transition between incarceration and returning to the community.

What is involved in a Backpack Drive?

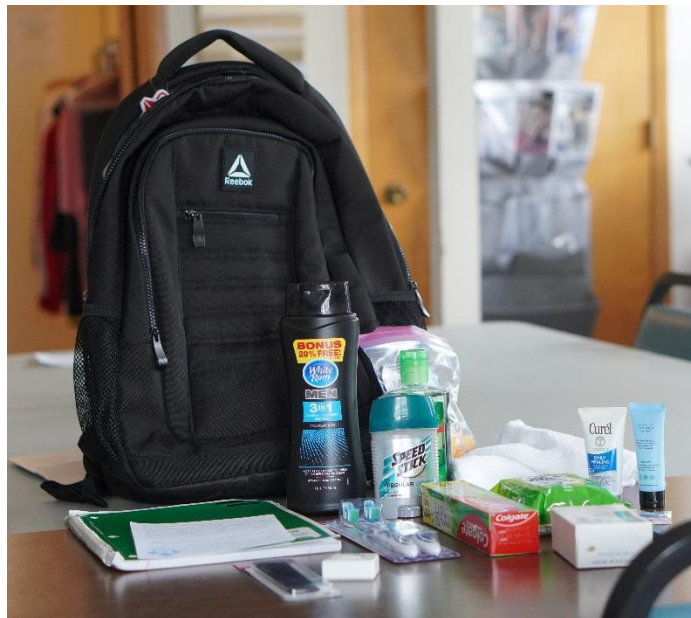
Groups such as churches, social action committees, schools, and more - sign up to assist Inside Out with hosting a drive. At these drives, groups will advertise, and collect donations of backpacks and hygiene items. Backpacks are most often requested by men, so male or gender-neutral hygiene products are the biggest need.

What to collect?

Backpack- Standard size
Shampoo and Conditioner
Bar of soap/ Body wash
Wash Cloth
Lotion
Nail Clippers
Deodorant
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Notebook and Pen

Other items you could include:

T-Shirts	Boxers
Socks	Razors



Host a packing event

After collecting donations, many groups find it fun to host a packing event where everyone comes together to pack the items into the backpacks. If you'd like us to join you or stop by just let us know!



Handwrite supportive messages:

This community building time is also a great opportunity for the group to handwrite encouraging and welcoming messages for the recipient of the backpack. These notes are a great way to let those receiving the bag know that the community cares!

Ready to host a drive?

Contact Kati McVay at 319-338-7996 or Kati@insideoutreentry.com and let us know!

Thank you for supporting those returning to the community after incarceration!