



## Inside Out Reentry Community Backpack Drives

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?

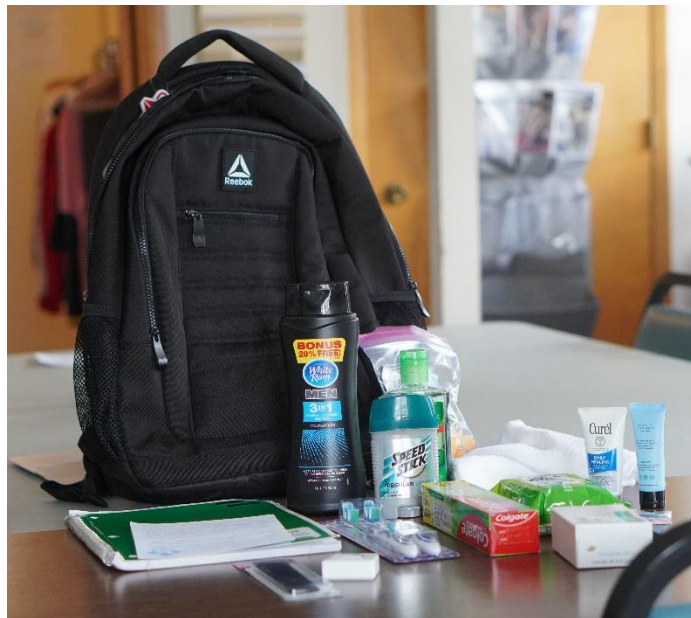
Groups such as churches, social action committees, schools, and more - sign up to assist Inside Out with hosting a drive. At these drives, groups will advertise, and collect donations of backpacks and hygiene items. Backpacks are most often requested by men, so male or gender-neutral hygiene products 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 the Inside Out office at 319-338-7996 or [hello@insideoutreentry.com](mailto:hello@insideoutreentry.com) and let us know!

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