

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

*Please let us know you've chosen this project
by emailing cityserve@cfcpc.org*

IMPACT

The pandemic has complicated the collection of Tucson data for 2021, since volunteers couldn't conduct their annual "camp to camp" census. Based on 2020 numbers, about 1,100 people were in emergency shelters, and nearly 600 living on the streets or in their cars, which is a 60% jump from 2019's unsheltered count. In addition, there is an unknown number who do not get counted because they don't want to be seen. The people you see on the street are often veterans, senior citizens, those struggling with mental health challenges, trauma, and chronic addiction.

INSTRUCTIONS

- STEP 1:** Spend some time learning about the homeless population in Tucson and researching ministries that serve the homeless, such as Gospel Rescue Mission and Sister Jose Women's Shelter.
- STEP 2:** Send an email to cityserve@cfcpc.org and let us know that you have chosen this project. If you are serving as a Community Group, please let us know the name of your group.
- STEP 3:** Make a plan to collect or purchase the suggested items below to create your blessing bags.
- STEP 4:** Assemble your blessing bags. Spend some time praying for the people that will be receiving them.
- STEP 5:** Keep the bags in your car. When you see someone in need as you are out and about, hand them a blessing bag. Please use caution when handing out bags to people standing in medians.
- STEP 6:** Let us know how it went! Complete the YouServe Survey at cfcpc.org/youserve. If you're a group or family, only one of you needs to fill out the survey.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Deodorant and/or wet wipes
- New pair of socks
- Snacks like beef jerky, granola bars, trail mix, etc.
- Bottle of water
- Note of encouragement, Bible verse, and/or gospel tract
- 1 Gallon Ziplock or similar bag to hold it all

FUN IDEAS

- Take pictures while you are assembling and post to your preferred social media using [#cfc_tucson](https://twitter.com/cfc_tucson).
- Go enjoy ice cream or special treat together upon completion of the project.

HELP & FEEDBACK

QUESTIONS? Email cityserve@cfcpc.org

FEEDBACK: Your Feedback is SO important! Please let us know how the project went. There is a simple form on our You Serve website that you can click and fill out. Only one of you needs to fill it out on behalf of everybody who served. cfcpc.org/youserve