

# Breaking Free Donation Drive Calendar

Each month has a theme

<p><b>January- Everything Baby!</b></p> <p>Diapers, wipes, baby food and formula, baby Tylenol, strollers, highchairs, car seats, baby baths, bottles and bottle brushes, blankets, rattles, toys, books, diaper bags, clothes</p> <p><b>*Tuition Scholarships*</b></p>	<p><b>February- By-the-Pound</b></p> <p>Sugar, flour, peanut butter, rice, pasta, nuts, grits, coffee, chips and snacks, butter, detergent, meat, fruits and vegetables</p> <p><b>*Valentine Treats*</b></p>	<p><b>March- Spring Cleaning</b></p> <p>Cleansers, cleaning products, bleach, scrubbing powders, rubber gloves, magic erasers, mops, buckets, brooms, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish washing liquid for regular sinks and dishwashers</p> <p><b>*Umbrellas*</b></p>
<p><b>April- The Bathroom</b></p> <p>Manicure kits, bath items, make-up, lotion, African American hair items, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, sunscreen, First Aid supplies, thermometers, Pepto Bismol, Tums &amp; Roloids, Ibuprofen, allergy medicines, cough syrup, cotton balls, Q-tips, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper</p> <p><b>*Easter Baskets*</b></p>	<p><b>May- The Linen Closet</b></p> <p>Towels (bath and kitchen), bathmats, comforters, blankets, pillows, sheets, shower curtains, area rugs, curtains, door mats, napkins, placemats, tablecloths</p> <p><b>*Mother's Day Cards*</b></p>	<p><b>June- Hobbies and Sports</b></p> <p>Puzzles, games, music, gardening supplies (potting soil, seeds, rakes, trowels), active wear, balls, helmets &amp; pads, bikes, musical instruments, bird baths &amp; feeders, journals &amp; pens, art &amp; craft supplies (construction paper, markers, stickers, craft sticks, glitter, yarn, old magazines)</p> <p><b>*Tickets to a performance*</b></p>
<p><b>July- Library and School</b></p> <p>Books, notebook paper, folders, spiral notebooks, glue, scissors, 16-pack crayons, colored pencils, calculators, protractors, compasses, folders, loose leaf paper, binders, rulers, erasers, backpacks, lunch boxes, gift cards for clothing, socks, shoes, and underwear.</p> <p><b>*Birthday Party Supplies*</b></p>	<p><b>August- 24/7</b></p> <p>Morning items: robes, underwear &amp; bras, tea kettle, coffee maker, filters, coffee, tea, sugar, creamers, breakfast foods (cereal, eggs, etc)</p> <p>Nighttime Items: pots, pans, cooking spoons, knives, steamer, wok, dinner foods, pajamas &amp; nightgowns, alarm clocks, bath products</p> <p><b>*Flashlights &amp; Nightlights*</b></p>	<p><b>September- Gift Cards</b></p> <p>Cards for gas, superstores, pharmacies, phone cards (long distance &amp; pre-paid mobile), entertainment (movies &amp; movie rentals), clothing stores, discount stores, toy stores</p> <p><b>*Shoes*</b></p>
<p><b>October- I'm every woman</b></p> <p>Underwear &amp; bras, feminine hygiene products, make-up, hair products, barrettes and other hair accessories, personal care items, perfume, watches</p> <p><b>*Costumes &amp; Candy*</b></p>	<p><b>November- Paper or Plastic?</b></p> <p>Paper plates, plastic &amp; Styrofoam cups, plastic table wear, paper towels, napkins, zip lock baggies (in sandwich, quart, and gallon sizes) trash bags, aluminum foil, wax paper, plastic wrap</p> <p><b>*Thanksgiving Food*</b></p>	<p><b>December- Holly &amp; Jolly Holidays</b></p> <p>Gifts, ornaments, wreaths, bows, gift wrap holiday foods, ethnic foods and ingredients, gift certificates to superstores</p> <p><b>*Adopt-A-family*</b></p>

**Any of these can also be used as a group activity to do fun donations drive at your church or small group.**

**Another fun idea is to create gift baskets with a variety of the items listed that we can give to women and families as they arrive to Breaking Free or as needed for special occasion.**

**Gifts cards to Wal-mart, Target and Cub are also always needed.**

- 1. Just create an e-mail or go to our website [www.beakingfree.net](http://www.beakingfree.net) to download the donations calendar file**
- 2. Publicize it to your friends, family, church and/or group**
- 3. Arrange a drop off locations and time/day**
- 4. Package it all up and call or e-mail to arrange a drop off**

**651-645-6557 or [donations@breakingfree.net](mailto:donations@breakingfree.net)**

**Our office is typically open M-F 9:30-5:00 but we are a very small staff and sometimes need to close unexpectedly due to emergencies. If you need assistance with a pick-up or other time of day please use the contact information above.**

**Thank you!**