# Seen With Care

# **How to Get Started**

When looking to get involved, it can be hard to know where to start. Follow this step-by-step outline to make it a little easier!

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## **EDUCATE YOURSELF**

Before you even begin to get involved, it's important to learn about the needs & struggles of homeless people, to truly understand the people you are serving and the issue you are addressing. To do this, check out our home & about pages on our website.

### **RAISE MONEY / SELF-FUND**

Care Bags cost approximately \$5-10 per bag. Our care bags page has information on specific items we like to include, as well as links to bulk purchasing options to lower the cost per bag. Consider hosting a bake sale, asking friends and family for donations, or incorporating care bags into a service learning project.

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#### **GET SUPPLIES**

Our go-to supplies are listed on our care bags page. We like Amazon, Costco, and Backpacks USA for budget-friendly necessities. Feel free to be creative and take inspiration from what your specific community needs. A little love goes a long way—adding a personal touch like a handwritten note can make someone's day!

#### **MAKE BAGS**

The fun begins! Feel free to enlist friends and family to help put together care bags. We think it's more fun (and efficient) to enlist the help of others. Make it an informal get-together, set up an assembly line, and be creative!

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#### **DISTRIBUTE THEM!**

Part of the reason Seen With Care is so unique is that we provide direct aid by actually hand-delivering bags, aiming to really build a connection between us and those living outside. Give bags to family and friends to hand out, keep them in your car for easy access, and give them to anyone you see who could use a little lift in their day.

#### **SPREAD THE WORD**

There are people in need everywhere. Tell your friends and family about your project, introduce the idea in communities of your own, like school clubs, sports communities, and religious affiliations, and watch as your impact grows!

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