



DIY: OUTREACH
Organization: City Hope
Project: Toiletry Kits

IMPACT

[In 2019, there were 1,031 unhoused people on an average night in St. Louis City.](#) Contrary to stereotypes, there are many factors that contribute to being in an unhoused situation such as: [lack of affordable housing, health, racial disparities, and domestic violence.](#) Read more about these factors and then consider what it might be like to work full time at minimum wage, but have so many other obstacles that cause stable housing to be just beyond your reach.

[City Hope St. Louis](#) provides immediate shelter and/or resources for individuals in the St. Louis metropolitan region experiencing a housing crisis. Providing essentials needed to stay clean and healthy reminds our unhoused friends that they have worth and are loved!

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: In order to make an impact, we have to first understand the need. Take a few minutes, using the links above, to understand more about what it's like to face a housing crisis.

Step 2: Now that we understand the need, [let's see what the Bible says.](#)

Step 3: Register your participation [HERE](#) so we can measure the collective impact on our city.

Step 4: Review the shopping list and instructions below. New items only please. Feel free to invite others (neighbors, co-workers, small group, etc.) to donate as well.

Shopping List: Travel-sized items: soap, shampoo, razor, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloth

Toiletry Bag Instructions: Place all travel-sized items in a quart-sized closable Ziploc bag.

Step 5: As you prepare your items, pray for the individuals who will come through the doors of City Hope. Pray for the staff to bring hope and love and to restore dignity and stability for the unhoused in St. Louis.

Step 6: Call 314-904-HOPE (4673) to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

FUN IDEAS

- After you drop off your donations, head over to [Crown Candy Kitchen](#) for their famous BLT, Chili Mac, or one of their amazing handmade sweet treats!
- Take pictures of your collection and post them to social media using #forthelou.