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CHILDREN AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT KIT

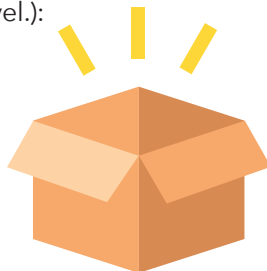
Overview/The Need:

In our region, nearly 40% of families struggle to afford their basic needs. The percentage of families without access to critical resources is rising. That includes the ability to provide learning tools at home that boost childrens' performance in school and bring families together for educational activities.

Building a DIY Children and Family Enrichment Kit is a great way to ensure all families have essential items to fuel educational experiences at home and spend quality time together. We encourage you to get your friends and neighbors involved in building these kits!

Supplies Needed:

- Sturdy container such as a cardboard box, plastic bin, or drawstring bag (one per kit).
- Items (Please include a minimum of five items per kit at any age/grade level.):
 - Crayons
 - Coloring books
 - Puzzles
 - Family games/cards
 - Educational workbooks
 - Children's books



Please note that one kit can range greatly in price depending on where the items are purchased and in what quantity. The average range in cost per kit is \$10-\$30.

How to Build Your Kit:

- Select your box/bin/bag and a minimum of five items from the supplies list to put in the kit.
- Collect or purchase the items.
They must be new or unopened.
- Build a minimum of five kits.

Host a Drive:

Involve your friends, family and neighbors in your volunteer efforts! Instead of purchasing items alone, host a virtual or in-person item drive. Coordinate a time and place to have the items dropped off or one location where online purchases should be shipped. Be sure to set a goal of how many kits you want to complete together.

Delivery Information:

Once you sign up on **UnitedWaySEM.org/DIYKits**, we will share delivery information with you. All kits will go to local nonprofit agencies. We will also send you tips and tricks for where to purchase items and keeping costs down.

Share Your Progress:

Don't forget to take pictures of your progress and final products before delivery! Share them on social media with #UWVolunteer, #LiveUnited, and tag us with @UnitedWaySEM.