

# Youth Mission Project for Converge Youth Retreat 2019



Each year our youth council likes to choose a cause near and dear to their heart this year we would like the participant churches in helping us with Birthday boxes of Love. Please bring your boxes and bags to the retreat we will pray over them and then bring them to local Food pantries to go to kids in need.

it's hard for many of us – adults or children – to imagine celebrating a child's birthday without a party or presents. But for many of the families, finding the extra money to afford a child's birthday celebration is a struggle at best, and frequently impossible.

We would like to help these families by providing a small “party in a box” for a child in need. The idea is to decorate and fill shoe boxes or gift bags with everything needed for a small birthday party. Each box goes to a different child. If you are making a lot of boxes, please make them for different ages!

Pick an age (or ages), and choose either boy(s) or girl(s) to send your box to. (For example, you might choose a 9-year-old girl, or a 4-year-old boy.)

Find a large sneaker-sized shoe box (or use a party bag) in your house, and buy the things needed for a party. Include all of the following:

- a box of cake mix
- a can of frosting
- birthday candles (no matches please!)
- a wall decoration (like streamers, or a happy birthday banner)
- a children's book for the aged child you are making the box for
- another (\$15-\$20) gift for that child .
- If you like, you can also include a goody bag filled with small surprises, or other small gifts