

2023 BRF SPRING EASTER PROGRAM

Thank you very much for offering to provide a basket for a child in a Breathing Room family. Our program includes all the children in the family, from infants to college students. We design Easter, Passover and Spring baskets, depending on the family's tradition. This little gesture provides "breathing room" to the family and allows them to focus on their health and well-being. The program mailing went out to the families on March 1.

If you are organizing a group collection at work, school or among your family members, the following suggestions will provide some guidelines for you.

Basket Guidelines: Each family returns a form with specific information about their child. It lists his/her likes, dislikes, allergies and food restrictions. The parent usually includes the child's favorite color, characters (Superheroes, Barbie, Phillies) and activities. This gives you a guideline as you shop and assemble your Easter/Spring basket.

Please clearly label the child's name on the basket to ensure accurate delivery. Please wrap the basket in an Easter/Spring plastic bag with a twist tie to keep the basket intact as you transport it. These are available at the Dollar Store, Target, or Walmart. We deliver the baskets to the family in new black trash bags to preserve the surprise.

Deliveries: They will be ongoing again this spring. This year Easter is April 9 and Passover begins at sundown April 5. Please have your basket to us by April 2. We will do "rolling deliveries" so feel free to drop off your basket as soon as it is ready.

We will collect and distribute the baskets from our new BRF office: 8310 Brookside Road in Elkins Park.

Basket Stuffers suggestions: books, stickers, hair ribbons, barrettes, Matchbox cars, markers, gel pens, Goldfish, sugarless gum, lip gloss, small toys, stuffed animals, socks, candy, chocolate bunnies, etc. Gift cards to Wawa, Dunkin Donuts, Rita's Water Ice, Starbucks, Target and Walmart in \$5 and \$10 increments are a special treat for tween/teen baskets. Donations of candy, new Easter baskets and the Spring/Easter plastic bags are appreciated.

Delivery volunteers: We need you! Our BRF families live throughout Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Two hundred families are included in the Spring/Easter program this year so there will be over 400 baskets to deliver!

THANK SO MUCH! Contact Eileen with any questions at eileen@breathingroomfoundation.org or (215) 277-1006

