

2022 Christmas Sack Project

Each year the chaplains' group that serves those incarcerated in our prisons and jails packs and distributes a Christmas treat sack to every inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, the minimum-security unit in Yankton, the Women's Prison in Pierre, and the inmates in the county jail in Sioux Falls. Unfortunately, due to new policies, home-made fudge will no longer be allowed in any of the state facilities.

Here is what Michael, an inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary, said, "On behalf of the countless inmates in the custody of the South Dakota Department of Corrections, I wish to wholeheartedly thank all the people and churches that participated in any way with the making and distributing of the Christmas treat sacks to all the SD DOC inmates at Christmas. For many inmates it is a special treat which they cannot afford to purchase."

Here is how you can help us.

We need your financial support. Everything we hand out must be prepackaged items from the factory, which means we must purchase everything we hand out. This increases the cost of this project significantly. We expect to distribute goodies to over 3,670 inmates this year. **Our goal is to raise \$27,000 by Friday, November 11th** so we have time to order the goodies and receive them in time to hand them out before Christmas Eve.

Please consider your financial gift to support this effort to provide each inmate with a little something for Christmas? This is a very difficult and lonely time for most of the inmates and this small gesture of kindness goes a long way to lift their spirits and reminds them that there are people out there who love and care for them.

Please mail donations to:

SDPCA Christmas Sacks

601 West 57th St.

Sioux Falls, SD, 57108.

Please put "Christmas Sacks" in the memo line of your check.

Please remember, the deadline for financial gifts is Friday, November 11th.

Thank you very much for your generosity and support.

Peace,

Prison Chaplains

