

Jackets for Jesus Backpack party 2025

What is Jackets 4 Jesus?

Jackets For Jesus has been ministering to the Homeless at the heart of Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles since January 1, 1989. Each Sunday evening a team prepares a hot meal here at Central Community and then delivers jackets, a meal, sandwiches, oranges & so much more to those living on the streets.

Why should you care?

The people we serve are in need of help every day. God challenges us to not just love in word but to love in action as well. Our loving of those who are in need is one of the ways we show that God's love is in us - failure to do so shows that we do not have God's love (1 John 3:16-18).

How can you help?

Visit Central Community Christian Fellowship and pick up a backpack - or a couple if you can - and work to fill it up with items the homeless can use on the street. Below is a couple of suggestions:

Suggestions For Filling Christmas Backpacks For The Homeless

Food Items: Water bottle, Snacks (Raisins, nuts, candy, dried fruit, crackers), hot chocolate, cookies, gift certificates to McDonalds/Starbucks etc.

Clothing Items: Sweatshirt, T-shirt, underwear, new white socks, jacket, rain poncho, warm hat, gloves.

Personal Care Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mints, gum, lotion, soap, shampoo, wash cloth, hand towel, comb or brush, floss, toilet paper, etc

Miscellaneous Items: Bible, writing material, stamps, Radio or MP3 player, books, magazines, watch, first aid kit, phone cards/calling cards, a Christmas card, etc.

Other Ideas: Think of what you would like/want if you were homeless and living on the streets. Feel free to use your imagination!

I want to help!

Filled backpacks should be returned to Jackets For Jesus no later than Sunday, December 21st at 6:00PM. You are invited to join us in distributing the backpacks and food on Sunday December 21st, by going down to DTLA with us! Van seating is assigned on a first come first serve basis.