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Silver Bells & the Season of Giving

The Green River Area Development District participates annually in the Long Term Care Ombudsman **Silver Bells** project for residents of personal care homes, collecting items to fill gift bags for delivery to residents living in personal care homes located in the seven-county area at Christmas time. Around 115 personal care residents receive the holiday gift bags through Silver Bells annually. This year, we would like to provide gifts to approximately 150 residents in four personal care homes located in Daviess, Henderson, and McLean Counties. Many of the individuals residing in these personal care homes take part in the state supplementation program and only retain up to \$60 per month of personal spending money. The holiday bags provide welcome treats while allowing residents to use their resources on other needed items which are not provided by the facility. We invite individuals and organizations to contribute to the 2021 Silver Bells project and brighten the holiday season for a personal care resident! Any help to meet our goal would be appreciated!



Suggested items for the bags include:

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| *canned soft drinks | *chips | *lip balm |
| *tissues | *socks | *snack crackers |
| *gloves | *snack cakes | *puzzle books |
| *hand lotion | *candy | |

Donations may be dropped off at the GRADD office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be accepting donations through Monday, December 13, 2021. Monetary donations are also welcome and are used to purchase items to complete the bags, as well as to buy fresh fruit for the bags. Checks can be written to GRADD and mailed to 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301 or placed in the mail drop box in front of the GRADD building. Please be sure to designate that the donation is for **Silver Bells** in the memo line and/or on the envelope. Please contact Heather Mullican, District Ombudsman at 270-852-1383 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your continued support of this program!

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.