

BOXES OF HOPE TOY DRIVE

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ABOUT FRED JORDAN MISSIONS

HISTORY OF THE MISSION

Fred Jordan Missions is a non-profit, faith based, educational and relief organization meeting the needs of hungry, homeless and impoverished people, especially children and families in America's inner cities and around the world.

The ministry that began in 1944 as an outreach to homeless, unemployed alcoholics on the postwar streets of Los Angeles has expanded to serve the physical and spiritual needs of poverty-stricken people, not only in America, but around the world.

Fred Jordan, together with his wife Willie, built children's homes, schools, hospitals and missions in Asia, Latin America and West Africa, to care for those whom Jesus called, "... the least of these."

Since Fred's death in 1988, this Skid Row-based world ministry is still led by its founding family – now well into a second generation. Led by his wife Willie, several of their children, a dedicated Fred Jordan Mission staff, and committed volunteers, they continue to give help, hope and the love of God to tens of thousands of families and children each year.

Their perseverance speaks volumes about their belief in "... feeding the hungry, giving a cup of cold water to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless and giving clothes to the shivering."

However, Fred Jordan Missions has never done all this good work alone . . . it has always been done in partnership with the generous support of caring individuals, churches, schools and corporations who share their concern for the poor.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A BOXES OF HOPE TOY DRIVE

Follow these simple steps to coordinate a successful toy drive:

1. **Decide the type of toy drive you will conduct – whether you will collect individual toy items in barrels, or distribute flattened boxes for each donor to fill with toys and return to you.** The Mission can provide either boxes or barrels for your drive.
2. **Choose the dates, location, and materials needed.**
3. **Fill out the Involvement Form online.**
(www.fjm.org/ways_to_serve/boxes_of_hope/organize_a_drive)
A Fred Jordan Missions representative will contact you to confirm the dates of your drive and the materials that you need.
4. **Promote the drive to your church, campus or workplace.** Notify all potential participants of the dates and locations of boxes or barrels, using posters, flyers, emails, bulletin inserts, public announcements, etc.
5. **Start your drive and collect toys and monetary gifts.**
6. **Delivery and Pick Up.** Contact Fred Jordan Missions if you need more boxes or barrels during your drive (call 626-915-1981). Otherwise we will pick up the boxes or barrels when your drive is scheduled to be completed.

CHOOSING A DATE.

A drive can be as short as two hours or as long as two months. Some even collect toys and money all year long. Typically, a drive lasts for two or three weeks.

SELECTING A LOCATION.

Designate a specific location (or locations) to host the drive. This is where empty boxes will be picked up and filled boxes will be returned, or where barrels will be located.

BOXES OR BARRELS?

Fred Jordan Missions can provide boxes or barrels for your convenience. Determine the type of container that will work best for the participants in your toy drive.

Boxes. The Mission will provide the empty, collapsed boxes for your group. Each donor will pick up a box (or boxes), along with a list of specific toys (see following page). Once filled, the boxes will be returned to your designated location.

Barrels. The Mission will provide large barrels to collect toys. Position the barrels at high traffic locations that are convenient, accessible, and safe. Participants are encouraged to donate the suggested toys (see following page).

SETTING A GOAL.

Set a goal for the amount of toys that you want to collect (number of boxes or barrels filled). It will motivate you and your participants.

BOXES OF HOPE TOY DRIVE MATERIALS

The following Toy Drive Materials are provided by Fred Jordan Missions:
(Please specify the quantities needed on the Involvement Form)

Boxes	Empty, collapsed boxes that are easy to assemble. The boxes conveniently come with handles and are approximately 18" width x 12" height x 10" depth.
Barrels	50-gallon barrels to fill with toys.
Donation Envelopes	Envelopes can be given to those wishing to make monetary gifts.
Promotional Materials	Posters, flyers and other printed materials with information on Fred Jordan Missions and Boxes of Hope are available upon request.
Informational Packets	Packets contain general information about Fred Jordan Missions and its programs, including a brochure, current newsletter, and a schedule of our annual events.

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Box

Please use list below as a guide. Thank you.

- 1 New Large Toy (\$15 or more)
- 2 New Small Toys (under \$15 each)
- \$14 check (suggested donation)
Make check payable to Fred Jordan Missions

Barrel

Suggested New Items

- Toys for babies
- Stuffed Animals
- Dolls/Action Figures
- Barrettes and Make Up Kits for girls
- Crayons, Colored Pencils/Pens
- Coloring Books
- Children's Books
- Board Games
- Hand held games
- Sports Equipment
- Toy Cars or Trucks
- Legos
- Puzzles
- Cash donations of \$14 will help pack and distribute toys to needy children.

*If possible, please include batteries if they are required to operate the toy.