



## BASKETS OF HOPE

# 2024 LAKE AREA EASTER BASKET PROJECT

## Lake Oconee - Georgia

The Lake Area Easter Basket Project, also referred to as 'Baskets of Hope,' focuses on delivering Easter baskets primarily to local youth in the foster care system but also extends its support to economically disadvantaged children. Inspired by the Easter season's symbolism of renewed hope and revitalized spirit, the Lake Area Easter Basket Project was founded to bring joy through the simple gesture of a blessing to children facing challenging circumstances.

Primarily funded through individual donations and contributions from church groups, the Lake Area Easter Basket Project has successfully distributed over 1,600 baskets across 12 middle Georgia counties since its inception in 2020. It is our goal in 2024 to continue serving children facing uncertainty and adversity in Putnam, Greene, Baldwin, Morgan, Jasper, Jones, Newton, Rockdale, Hancock, Oconee, and Washington counties.

We invite you to consider filling and donating a basket to ensure the foster children in our local lake area can partake in the joy of Easter. Together, let us rejoice in the spirit of giving and the knowledge that Christ has risen!

*"It was a blessing to me to be able to make these baskets. As I placed each item, I thought of the joy it would hopefully bring to the child receiving it. God bless these little ones with no fault of their own finding themselves in this current situation. Also, bless the foster parents and professionals who are protecting and making life a little better for these precious children." CW*

### **BASKET FILLER IDEAS:** [\*\*Please no candles or razors] Please tag basket to indicate gender and age group

#### **[ Younger Kids ]**

Easter candy  
Doll | stuffed animal  
Soccer | football |kickball  
Toy cars | bubbles | sticker book  
Sidewalk chalk | playdough | jump rope  
Bubble bath | puzzle | book

#### **[ Older Kids ]**

Easter candy | rubik cube | card game | gift card  
Book | journal | mechanical pencils | pens  
Toothbrush | hairbrush | deodorant  
Fun socks | ball cap | earbuds | LED lights  
Lotions | lip balm | bath bombs | jewelry  
Water bottle | wallet | note of encouragement

Themed baskets can be fun! Past themes donated include: Baking | Fishing | Spa | Art | Sports (Georgia/Braves)

### **GIFT CARDS/DRIVERS:**

For those who are unable to shop but want to help support the project, gift cards to Dollar Tree or Hobby Lobby are great options. Volunteers help shop and there is always a need for additional supplies such as baskets, ribbon, bags, and goodies. Drivers are needed to deliver baskets from the drop-off locations to the DFCS offices.

### **DEADLINE: ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST**

We encourage you to drop off your basket as early as possible, considering the early Easter date this year (3/31). Our dedicated volunteers will handle deliveries to DFCS during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>, allowing DFCS coordinators to efficiently distribute the baskets for a timely and joyous celebration!

## **EASTER BASKET DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**

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**Lake Oconee Area** 1 Accord Technologies - 130 Scott Oak Drive, Unit C | 706.473.0669

**Putnam DFCS** 675 Godfrey Hwy., Eatonton | 706.485-4921

**Greene DFCS** 1951 S. Main Street, Greensboro | 706.453-5116

**Morgan DFCS** 2005 S Main Street, Madison | 706.343-5800

**Baldwin DFCS** 154 Roberson Mill Road, Milledgeville | 478.445-4135

### **LINK AND QR CODE TO SIGN UP:**

<https://signup.com/go/jRpsreM>



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In our commitment to providing Easter baskets to children in out-of-home placements or facing economic challenges, it's crucial to clarify that we're not a not-for-profit organization. Our efforts are sustained through the generous kindness of individual donors, volunteers, and the support of collaborative relationships with church groups and businesses.