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Fill a Bag with *Giving Tree* 2018



Once again this November, SMIC will have the opportunity to inspire a child in need in a local migrant school by filling a Giving Tree bag as we host our own Giving Tree project in our community. We welcome you to join with us and help spread the message of giving to people as recipients remember the message of Giving Tree.

Migrant School Facts

From primarily Anhui, Sichuan, and Guizhou, migrants and their children move to the areas in order to find better paying work.

Average school population: 700-1,000 students

Class size: 50-70 students per class

Classroom conditions: No heating or cooling, minimal resources

Parents work 6-7 days per week, 12-14 hours per day in factories, farming, construction, and doing piecework

Household income: 2,000-3,000 RMB/month

Housing: Single room, 15-20 square meters. No heating, rarely cooling, no internal bathroom or kitchen

Clothing: 1-2 sets per child, washed by hand

This year we have been assigned to the Suzhou Blue Sky School. Due to changes within the Giving Tree organization, SMIC will cover 650 bags/children in grades K3--grade 2 this year.

Items required in each bag include:

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| 1) A jacket ordered from HSH per principal's request | 2) Water bottle from HSH |
| 3) A specific school supply kit (containing: 4 pens, 4 pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, scissors, and colored pencils in a pencil case/box) | |
| SMIC will bulk buy items 1, 2, 3 from Home Sweet Home (HSH), another local charity. | |
| 4) Toy or small gift or craft | 5) Educational Chinese book |
| 6) A personalised note | 7) Any additional items donated for the bags |

You have two options for participating.

- 1. Donate:** It's easy: You will have the opportunity to give by making a cash donation. Each bag will cost approximately 200 RMB to fill. SMIC will bulk buy gifts and fill the empty bags based on information provided by Giving Tree.
- 2. Additional:** You may also **donate a toy** and/or **Chinese book** for a child (or **any additional items you would like to add to the bag/s**) and the school will fill a Giving Tree bag with your gifts.

Please follow Giving Tree requirements: All items must be NEW, UNUSED items. Do not wrap gifts since all items need to be checked before giving.

You may check the Giving Tree page on the SMIC school website.

On November 21, 2018, a Giving Tree ceremony is scheduled where the SMIC Giving Tree Team and the MHS Community Service Club will go to the Suzhou Blue Sky School.

If you have any questions or require further information, contact your homeroom teacher or visit: www.communitycenter.cn/givingtree

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Any funds raised in excess of amount needed to fill Giving Tree bags will be donated to other local charities for children.

√ Yes, I would like to fill a bag/s and sponsor a child/children in need.

Please return this form and donation to your Homeroom Teacher by **November 12, 2018.**

Parent's name:		Child's name & <u>homeroom</u> or your department:	
If you can volunteer time with SMIC's Giving Tree Packing Party on Tues., Nov. 20, 3:30-6:30 pm, 1F auditorium. We welcome you to join us! Just show up!			
<input type="checkbox"/> I will sponsor _____ bag/s in full (200 RMB per bag) OR I donate the following amount. Total amount donated _____		<input type="checkbox"/> I bought a Chinese book(s). <input type="checkbox"/> I bought a toy(s). <input type="checkbox"/> I bought additional item(s). Please send these by November 12 to your child's homeroom teacher.	

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Please include your donation in a sealed envelope with your name, your child's name and homeroom, and your donation amount.
Thank you so much for your donation.