



# Saline Area Social SERVICE

**HELPING THOSE WHO STRUGGLE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

- PRIORITY ITEMS NEEDED**

**TOILET PAPER & PAPER TOWEL**

**HEALTHY SNACKS**

**KID FRIENDLY MEALS**

**JUICE BOXES**



## GIFT BASKET CONTEST CHALLENGE

All baskets and money raised benefit Saline Area Social Service.

Individuals, classrooms, athletic teams, clubs, businesses and families are invited to thematically design, decorate and fill a gift basket for this contest; but more importantly for an organization who will share the gift baskets with those in need. On Saturday, March 19 from 8 AM - 2 PM your basket will compete in a creativity contest at the Saline Spring Craft Show. People at the show are encouraged to vote for their favorite basket by placing money in the voting box. The entry that receives the highest vote in each category will win a prize. All baskets and money received benefit Saline Area Social Service.

Visit [www.salineshow.com](http://www.salineshow.com) or call (734) 401-4020 for more information

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## Preferred Themed Basket Ideas

- *Around the World: Mexican, Italian*
- *Summer Fun Baskets: Bug Spray, Sunscreen and First Aid essentials. Summer Reading books and gifts for older kids.*
- *Other Themed Baskets: Cookout Basket, Kitchen Utensil Basket, Spice Basket, Coffee Basket*

**It is important that you read the guidelines below so that you don't miss out on this opportunity to help a family in need!**

## DESIGN TIPS...

- Many entries have a specific theme! What is going to make yours stand out?
- The container that holds the items does not have to be a "basket". We've seen it all— laundry baskets, coolers, wagons, decorative boxes, inflatable pools, etc. The container should be something that is able to be donated to the charitable organization.
- Please consider using cellophane to wrap your entry if it contains valuables.
- Visit [www.salineshows.com](http://www.salineshows.com) to view photos from previous years to see what the contest is all about!
- Feel free to include items such as: non-perishable foods, gift cards, books, toiletries, toys, board games and clothing.
- Do not include: perishable food items, tobacco and alcohol
- We encourage you to label your entry with its creator names. People are more apt to vote if they know the individual or group that made it!
- Keep the contest categories in mind: PreK-6th Grade Group, 7th-12th Grade Group, Individual 17 & Under, Individual 18 & Over, Profit Group/Business, Family/Church/Non-Profit Group (6 total categories)

## TIMELINE....

- Today— start brainstorming!
- Spread the word— the more who participate, the more we can give!
- Will you create something on your own or with a group?
- Friday, March 18th—Basket Drop Off/Registration. Drop off your entry at the Saline Middle School Cafeteria on Friday, March 18th between 3 PM - 6 PM. Visit [www.salineshows.com](http://www.salineshows.com) to download the contest registration form ahead of time.
- Saturday, March 19th—Gift Basket Contest at the Saline Spring Craft Show! The contest takes place in the cafeteria from 8 AM - 2 PM. Don't forget to come to the show to vote for your basket, "Drop a penny, drop a dollar or a dime to vote for your favorite entry of all time!" (1 penny=1 vote, 1 nickel=5 votes, 1 dollar=100 votes)-- prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each category!
- If you wish to collect any of your props/containers/items back before they are distributed to Saline Area Social Service, you must arrive at the show on March 19th between 2 PM and 2:30 PM to collect them.
- Winners will be announced on Monday, March 21st on [www.salineshows.com](http://www.salineshows.com). All baskets and money from this event is donated to Saline Area Social Service.