

NICU SERVE

A SERVE QUICK GUIDE



THE IDEA

New parents with a child in the NICU can feel scared, alone, and not sure about the future. Receiving a gift from someone who cares and is praying for them can be very uplifting. Gather some volunteers together at your church or at a central location to make special gift bags for these new parents (make a few gift bags for a one time delivery, or use an event like SERVEDay to make a stock pile of gift bags for ongoing deliveries). After the bags are assembled, send a couple of people to visit the hospital(s) delivering the gifts and encouraging families.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Deliveries - 2 per team
- Assembly - 10+

SUPPLY SUGGESTIONS:

- Gift Bags
- Tissue Paper
- Chapstick
- Lotion
- Chewing Gum
- Fuzzy Socks
- Scripture Verses
- Kindness Card
- Paper, Markers, Blank Cards

THE WIN

Not only is this outreach a beautiful way to love and cover moms, dads, babies, and their families in prayer, but it also often opens many conversations with the nurses on duty as they join in with the outreach effort - creating opportunities for Jesus to shine through even more.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-Event

- Call your local hospital and ask for permission to deliver gift bags to all of the parents on the NICU floor.
- Set out 8 foot tables as assembly stations
- First place one chapstick, lotion, pack of gum, socks, and kindness card in each gift bag
- Next, set out paper and markers so volunteers can write a hand-written cards of encouragement, telling the new parents that they are being prayed for.
- Once all of the items are placed in the bags, finish off with tissue paper making it a pretty gift.
- Have volunteers pray over each bag that is made

Day Of

- Once your outreach date is set with the hospitals, enjoy delivering your gift bags, visiting and praying with parents.
- Consider bringing a few extra gifts for the nurses, too.

