

## Gift Bags and Gifts for Women's Shelter

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We visited the Women's Dream Centre, this is a shelter for women and their children who are abused or homeless or recovering from drugs or alcohol. The shelter houses up to 8 women and their children.

Our 2nd year guides (14 of them) made gift bags and gave them to the women, then each girl brought from home a gently used/new toy, wrapped and labeled with age and sex of child the gift was intended for. After the girls handed out the gift bags to all the moms there we sang Christmas Carols and decorated gingerbread men with the house.

It was an awesome sight to watch not only the people receiving the gifts but the pleasure it brought to our girls. They learned a lot about giving that night, and they can hardly wait to go for another visit!!!!

Needed for bags:

- face cloths
- thread
- needles
- 24" of 1/4" ribbon
- items for inside the bags

We folded our face clothes in half long ways and hand stitched 3/4 away around the cloth, at the end we then folded our ribbon in half and stitched it into the seam (go over this several times, so it holds when pulled tight). Then we turned our bags right side out and stuffed them with

- bar of soap,
- tooth paste,
- tooth brush,
- small tablet,
- pen, and
- candies

then we tied them up with the ribbon.

The bag had a dual purpose as it not only held all the goodies, but could be used as a wash mitt as well!!

The bags looked beautiful!!! We were very proud of our accomplishments.

