



**People Serving
People**

Family Game Pack Volunteer Guide

Thank you for your interest in supporting People Serving People and joining us in our mission to ensure every family has what they need. This guide will provide you with a list of materials and instructions to make your off-site volunteer activity a success. **Questions?** Please contact us at volunteering@peopleservingpeople.org.

Project Overview

Families commonly request games and activities from our staff while residing at our shelters. Your family game packs will provide families with more recreational activities during their stay with us. The green column contains standard games required per pack, while the red column are add-ons commonly requested by families.

Age Range	Items Per Pack	Most Requested Games (Add 2)
0 Through 4	• Playing Cards • Coloring Book • Crayons • Puzzle (Baby Safe)	• Blocks • Cars • Dolls • Teething/Baby Toys
5 Through 9	• Playing Cards • Coloring Book • Markers or Crayons • Puzzle (Up to 200 Pieces)	• Jenga, Connect 4, Uno • Legos, Qwirkle • Word Games (Ex: Boggle Jr., Zingo)
10 Through 14	• Playing Cards • Coloring Book • Markers or Crayons • Puzzle (200+ Pieces)	• Sorry, Trouble • Uno, Jenga • Word Games (Ex: Boggle, Bananagrams)
15+	• Playing Cards • Coloring Book • Markers or Crayons • Puzzle (500+ Pieces)	• Yahtzee • Checkers/Chess • Jenga • Battleship

As you begin procuring materials for your event, we recommend focusing on a specific age range to make the assembly of each Family Game Pack consistent and easy to understand for your volunteer group.

Before you begin purchasing games for this project, please reach out to us at volunteering@peopleservingpeople.org to determine which age range we currently have the largest need for.

Decorated Tote Bags (Optional)

There are two ways your group can partake in this project:

1. If you are looking for ways to prolong your volunteer event for an extended timeframe, we recommend decorating canvas tote bags. This will offer a sit-down component to the activity while adding additional value to your Family Game Packs
2. If you or your group are not interested in decorating, you can purchase regular tote bags for your kits. In this scenario, your team will primarily assemble Family Game Packs in an assembly line fashion.



We recommend these additional supplies for decorating the reusable canvas tote bags:

- Blank Canvas Tote Bags
- Fabric Markers
- Stencils
- Basket for Markers
- Note Cards

Step #1: Volunteer Activity Setup

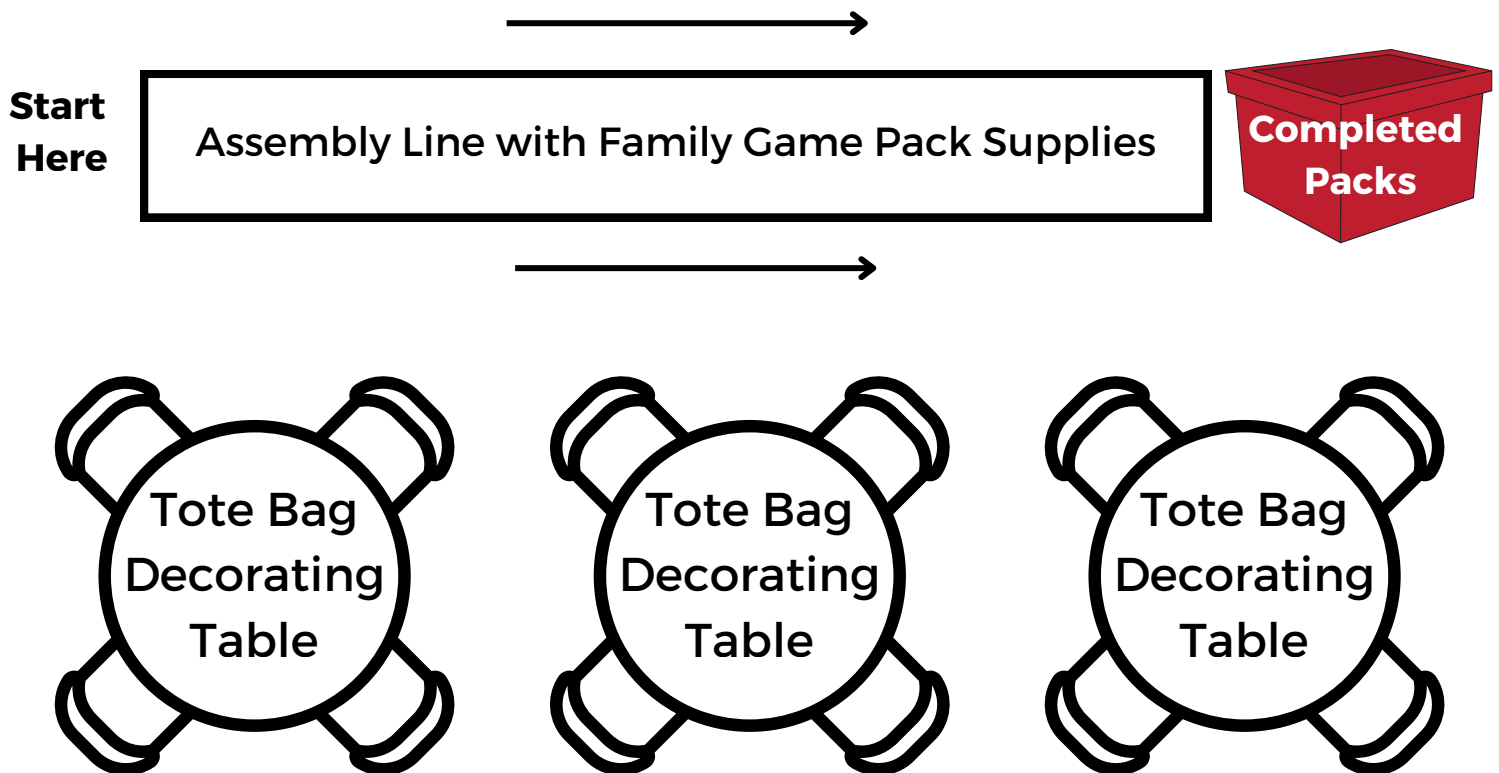
To ensure a smooth flow of your group activity, we recommend your team dedicates time beforehand to set-up the event before getting started. In the next page, you will find a recommended layout that we find works best for volunteer groups. In the pictured layout, volunteers can begin by seating themselves at the tables designated for decorating tote bags, if applicable. Once they've completed their bags, they can then head to the assembly line and begin filling the tote with games.

Step #2: Starting Event

Before your team of volunteers starts on the activity, we recommend a leader in your group shares more about how Family Game Packs are utilized in People Serving People's programming. Take some time to provide your volunteer group with instructions on how the activity is designed to flow.

If your group is decorating canvas tote bags, please ensure they draw age-appropriate designs. In consideration of the diverse lived experiences of the families residing in our shelter, we ask that volunteers please avoid religious messages and imagery.

Assembly Lines



Note: The instructions provided above are recommendations on what we think will work best. However, we welcome you to set up and facilitate the activity in whatever way best suits your volunteer group.

Step #3: Post Event

People Serving People would love to view and share pictures from your event. Please feel free to send photos to us as you coordinate your delivery.

To schedule a delivery with our staff, we ask that all donors complete our [In-kind Donation Form](#) to let us know of preferred dates/times. This also enables us to manage our inventory and to provide our donors with a tax donation receipt if requested.

Our staff will follow up to confirm a delivery to of our main locations:

- Downtown Shelter - 614 S 3rd St, Minneapolis, MN 55415
- St. Anne's Place - 2634 Russell Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411



Thank you for helping us fulfill our vision of ensuring **every family has what they need.**

Please reach out to volunteering@peopleservingpeople.org with any questions or concerns.