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Lotion	Razor
Sanitary napkins	Socks
Gloves	Hand sanitizers
Wipes	Granola bars or crackers

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Feel free to also include a note expressing your love for the recipient or a gift card from places like McDonald's if you desire.

Please be sure all kits are delivered to the *Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod* office at 7241 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia no later than April 12, 2017.

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