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Silver Bells & the Season of Giving

The District Long Term Care Ombudsman Program invites individuals and organizations in the GRADD area to contribute to the **2019 Silver Bells** project.

Heather Mullican, District Long Term Care Ombudsman, and other GRADD staff are coordinating a collection of items to fill gift bags for delivery to two personal care homes in the region at Christmas time.

Suggested items for the bags include:

- soft drinks
- drink packets for bottled water
- peanut butter snack crackers & cheese snack crackers
- chips
- instant Coffee
- snack cakes
- chap stick
- socks
- gloves
- tissues
- raisins
- bottled water

According to Ms. Mullican, “Residents of personal care homes continue to be an often overlooked population in our communities. Through Silver Bells, we want to bring awareness to the community while also brightening the holidays for the residents we serve.”

Donations can be brought to the GRADD office during regular business hours, with a collection cutoff of December 9. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase items to complete the bags, as well as to buy fresh fruit for the bags.



The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.