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GRADD Accepting Donations for Annual Silver Bells Project

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The Green River Area Development District's Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is kicking off its annual **Silver Bells** project to bring holiday cheer to residents of personal care homes in the district. This year, approximately 250 residents of five personal care homes located in Daviess, McLean, Henderson and Hancock Counties will benefit from the **Silver Bells** project.

Many individuals residing in personal care homes only retain up to \$60 per month of personal spending money. The Silver Bells holiday bags provide welcome treats while allowing residents to use their resources on other needed items that are not provided by the facility.

We invite individuals and organizations to contribute to the 2022 Silver Bells project and brighten the holiday season for a personal care resident.

Suggested items for the bags include:

canned soft drinks	chips	lip balm	tissues
individual drink packets	snack crackers	gloves	snack cakes
puzzle books	hand lotion	socks	candy

Note: All food/snack items should be individually wrapped.

Donations may be dropped off at the GRADD office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be accepting donations through Monday, December 12, 2022. Monetary donations are also welcome and are used to purchase items to complete the bags, as well as to buy fresh fruit for the bags. Checks may be written to GRADD and mailed to 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301 or placed in the drop box in front of the GRADD building. Please be sure to designate the donation is for **Silver Bells** in the memo line and/or on the envelope. Contact Heather Mullican, District Ombudsman at 270-852-1383 if you have any questions or need additional information.

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency and council of governments 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.

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