

# Remote Volunteering- Making Grocery Bags for Families in Need



## ABOUT THIS REMOTE PROJECT:

During the coronavirus pandemic volunteers are needed to assemble grocery bags (t-shirt totes) and you can help from the safety of your own home as **Remote Volunteers**. The grocery bags or t-shirt totes you make will be used for our families picking up food at our food distribution center in Fullerton. We currently are experiencing up to 100 households visiting the HUB in a day. As you can see, we assist a lot of people and they all need to carry their groceries home. This project can be a family project. Thank you so much for your help!

## ABOUT PATHWAYS OF HOPE:

Pathways of Hope is a nonprofit organization that serves families and individuals throughout North Orange County. For over 45 years Pathways of Hope has been providing food, shelter and support and prevention services to the hungry, homeless and marginalized through assistance of local congregations, volunteers, businesses and grants from foundations and government agencies.

The Pathways of Hope HUB of Hope offers emergency food and hygiene items to homeless and low-income families and individuals as well as a walk-up center for individuals and families seeking housing assistance.

To learn more about Pathways of Hope, please visit [www.pohoc.org](http://www.pohoc.org).

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Begin by deciding which type of grocery bag that you would like to make. Below are links to a few options, but whichever one you decide on it must be able to hold at least 6 canned food items and several small food boxes and/or produce. In other words, it needs to be strong enough to be able to hold the food.

The easiest grocery bag you can make is a **no-sew t-shirt bag**, and the directions are in the first web link listed below. Note: remember to double tie the knots at the bottom of the bag. All materials must be new or clean.

For materials, patterns, step-by-step tutorials and details you can visit these two online resources: [No Sew T-Shirt Grocery Bag](#) or [Reusable Grocery Bags](#).

Select one of the following material options to make the grocery bags:

- Clean or new t-shirts (all you need is a pair of scissors!)
- Recycled plastic bags
- Fabrics
- Mesh
- Oilcloth
- Pillowcases
- Sheer curtains
- Canvas
- Denim
- Bird Seed Plastic
- Mesh, ribbon, and fabric scraps
- Flat sheets and webbing

Once you have the instructions and materials you are ready to assemble the grocery bags. Have fun assembling the bags with your family or via video teleconferencing friends and family.

### DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Once your grocery bag(s) has been completed you are ready to drop them off.

**Drop off location:** The HUB of Hope 611 S. Ford Ave, Fullerton CA 92832

**Days and Times:** Monday through Friday between 9:30-11:30am. If you need an afternoon time, we can accept donations at 3pm.

These are the drop off times that have been created for the safety of our staff and volunteers in order to maintain social distancing. Please park and knock on the right blue door and a volunteer or staff member will collect the masks. You will not enter the building.

Thank you for helping your families in need get their food home!