



# East End Cooperative Ministry's Off to College Kit



Each year, East End Cooperative Ministry organizes a supply drive to benefit graduates of our Children & Youth programs who are going to college in the fall.

Most of these young people are the first in their family to pursue higher education and we want to help them get off to a great start! With the help of the Council of Congregations, we prepare an **Off to College Kit** for each college-bound senior that includes all the necessities of dorm life, from sheets and towels to school supplies to study foods.

**This year, we anticipate sending 15 students off to the halls of higher academia.**

Please feel free to use whatever “system” works best for your congregation in collecting the supplies on the list. We recommend using an “angel-tree” type approach.

Divide the supply list into smaller lists of similar value (for example, one list could be the bed sheets, laundry detergent and dryer sheets; another could include the stapler, staples and quarter roll). Then, post the cards in a visible place and encourage congregation members to take a card and fulfill its list.

All items can then be collected and brought to EECM. Many congregations try to pack most or all of the items into the laundry basket — it makes a nice presentation.

Please let David Dix know ASAP how many students your congregation would like to support. **We ask that Off to College Kits be assembled by June 30th** (to coincide with the end of the annual Reach Out to City Kids campaign).

If you have questions or would like some inspiration, feel free to contact David Dix at 412.361.5549 ext. 413 or [davidd@eecm.org](mailto:davidd@eecm.org).

THANK YOU!