



alleluia baskets  
providing joy

# Basket Bulletin

## Highlights



The day after Easter the work begins at square one, finding all the deals of items to place into the Easter baskets for 2025. Many shoppers were out seeking and clearing the shelves in numerous places. We do our due diligence to spread each dollar to gain the most product to ensure we can fulfill each order. As a reminder, 14,052 baskets were filled and delivered to those in need just a few short weeks ago.



## How to Help

Did you know EVERY stuffed animal we had left to a new home this year? This means we are hopping up to gather tens of thousands for 2025. See the attached flyer and see if this is a project for you. Drop off locations are Cottleville Chamber business hours and Alleluia Baskets.



Would you prefer to shop from home or donate money and let us do the shopping? Consider the Amazon link or **Venmo @alleluia-baskets** today.

Are you Spring Cleaning and want to donate your sellable items for the upcoming garage sale? (please no large furniture or appliances) Special Drop off day will be **April 27, 2024** 9 to 12 at our O'Fallon location.

Seeking walkers to help hand out eggs with candy to the spectators at the 4th of July Parade in St. Charles, July 4, 2024 - Contact Karen

Recruiting Resource Development team members for upcoming events - Contact Karen

## Upcoming Events

**Garage Sale Drop Off • April 27th, O'Fallon location 9am-12pm**

**Garage Sale • June 22nd, O'Fallon location**

**Karaoke Night • June 29th, see attached flyer**

**4th of July Parade • St. Charles, MO**

**Family Trivia • September 22nd, see attached flyer**

**Save the Date TopGolf Event • November 23rd**

**Save the Date Music Trivia • February 22nd, 2025**

**Countdown to Easter 2024 • 363 Days!**

## Memorable Moments

About six years ago, I contemplated how Alleluia Baskets could serve more people than just in the small area we were currently serving. I knew money was a factor so I had to begin dreaming outside the box and becoming creative. I also wanted it to be a way for more volunteers to be involved and most importantly a way to provide joy to others. That sat with me for a while.

Then, three years ago God tapped me on the shoulder to remind me I can go to those in need and go anywhere. At that moment I envisioned a trailer, one that could hold the items going into the basket and a mobile set up for parents, grandparents, caregivers to fill the basket for their loved one. A fantastic way for the adults to have dignity and pride to fill the Easter basket for their loved ones. The wheels went into motion for a budget and processes to take place.

Then Luke's Mission held an outstanding Family Trivia afternoon in September of 2023. This event raised \$11,559.50. This event brought in the funds to make this dream a reality. Within a few short months a used trailer was purchased. The wrap for the trailer was created and completed. The inside was freshly painted, lights were placed and floor mats laid. This all happened in record time!



Finally we could be on the road. Three locations had been chosen to



take the trailer and provide Easter baskets for their community. The first was in Old Monroe, we have served there previously but their volunteer staff was down and we did not want those in need left out. The other two locations were in Jefferson County, an area we were not able to fully impact and very new to us. There were new volunteers to help and best of all the smiles and love was abundant!!!

This is truly a moment that will stay in my heart and hopefully the hearts of many we served those days.

We now have a Hop Up Trailer!!! This year we served 300 individuals!!

Everything is possible with God!!

