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- Travel size mouthwash
- Men's crew socks
- Sunscreen
- \$5 McDonald's gift cards
- Individually wrapped Beef Jerky
- Individually wrapped Granola Bars
- Individually wrapped candies (that are easy to chew or melt in the mouth and will NOT melt in the AZ heat. Example: Skittles)
- Individual pack of Wipe 'Ems (or equivalent brand)
- Four large black trash bags, rolled together in a rubber band

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<b>Don't be in a hurry</b>	It's okay to slip it out your window to someone on a street corner or freeway ramp. But prayerfully consider taking time to park the car and hand-deliver it.
<b>Smile</b>	This person probably gets ignored by hundreds of people every day.
<b>Make eye contact</b>	It shows that the person matters.
<b>Be available to have a conversation</b>	Some people won't want to talk, so be sensitive. Others will be delighted to tell you their story. Simply introduce yourself and ask their name.
<b>Pray</b>	Before you go, while you go, for the people you encounter.
<b>Offer Resources</b>	There is a card contained in the bag that offers resources – for shelter, food, medical care – for the homeless. Let the person know it is inside.
<b>Be wise</b>	The majority of men and women experiencing homelessness are not dangerous — they're people just like you. But it's smart to go out with a friend or spouse to share your gift of compassion.
<b>Inspire others</b>	Share your Bags of Compassion story with us. Send a note about your experience to general mail@stpatcc.org

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