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Giving Hope & Help to offer love bags on Mother's Day

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Giving Hope & Help is gearing up for their second annual Mother's Day LOVE Bags 4 Cancer donation and giveaway event tomorrow at Research Medical Center Cancer Unit.

Volunteers will give away bags filled with toiletries and inspirational items to hospitalized cancer patients.

The non-profit organization started the LOVE Bags initiative last year in honor of Valentine's Day. They have continued for a second year honoring cancer patients for both Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

The LOVE Bags endeavor was inspired by the niece of Giving Hope & Help Founder/President, Jessica McClellan of Lee's Summit. McClellan's niece has fought a blood cancer — Hodgkin's Lymphoma — for the last six years.

"I cannot imagine spending special days like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day in the hospital with cancer," McClellan said. "I knew that cancer patients needed to be encouraged so I wanted to give hope and help to help others who suffered from cancer like my niece."

Giving Hope & Help has received donations from individuals as well as companies. They have also created a partnership with Fifth Season Financial who has donated 200 bags filled with items for the patients. The organization is seeking individual and corporate partnerships to fund the bags and contents as well as financial donations.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society, who has approved the use of the American Cancer Society logo.

Donations may be made at www.givinghopeandhelp.org. Donations are tax deductible.

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