



**Donations are needed by
November 20, 2009.**

2009 Project Fill-A-Bucket

**Serving the needs of homeless
students in Polk County
during the holidays.**

Project Hearth and the Polk Education Foundation are partnering together for the fifteenth year to administer Project Fill-A-Bucket. Buckets are given to students in the Polk County public school system who meet the federal criteria as homeless, or who are at risk of becoming homeless. Buckets are decorated, filled and distributed prior to the Christmas holidays. For many children these buckets not only contain basic living necessities, but may be the only items they receive during the holiday season.

We ask that **NEW ITEMS ONLY** be donated to fill the buckets. If you would like to participate, please send donations by courier to: [Dee Dee Wright, Hearth Portable, District Office, Route E.](#) For large quantity pickups, those outside the school system, or if you have questions, please call the Project Hearth Office, 863-534-0801, or the Polk Education Foundation, 863-534-0519, to make an appointment for pickup. Your help in brightening the lives of these disadvantaged children during the holidays is very much appreciated!

Items for collection

shampoo and conditioner
bath soap
deodorant
children's books

toothbrush and toothpaste
brushes and combs
towels and wash cloths
stuffed bears/animals

Each bucket is also stuffed with a jacket appropriately sized for each child. Monetary donations will be accepted to make those purchases and also for the purchase of items for teenage children. Please make checks payable to the Polk Education Foundation with Fill-A-Bucket noted on the memo line. All monetary donations will generate a thank you letter with the Foundation's 501(c)(3) determination for tax purposes.