

Collection: Stamp Out Despair Campaign, **10/20-11/4/2018**

More than 2000 asylum seekers, undocumented immigrants, and even green card holders without criminal records (mainly adult males) are living in crowded detention centers and county jails in NJ for indefinite periods of time and have little or nothing to do. It is critical for their morale to stay in touch with family and friends. The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a collection of stationery, stamps, games and donations for phone cards. A collection box will be placed in the lobby of WES, from **Sat. Oct. 20 through Sun., Nov. 4.**

Stationery and Plastic Pens

Blank two-pocket folders

#10 (large) and #8 (small) envelopes

Writing paper

Greeting cards

Personalized cards from YOU (adults or children) addressed to "Dear Friend" will also help.

Stamps

Rolls and sheets of "forever" First Class stamps

Stamped #10 (business size) envelopes

DO NOT PUT STAMPS IN THE COLLECTION BOX. AT SERVICES, YOU CAN HAND THEM TO THE USHERS WHO WILL GIVE THEM TO THE WES OFFICE FOR SAFEKEEPING.

Books and Games Plastic and cardboard only!

***Paperback** books in French and Spanish

Adult Coloring books with ***plastic** markers

***Plastic** games such as dominoes, checkers and chess.

***Cardboard** jigsaw puzzles with no missing pieces.

Donations for Phone Cards

Donate on the First Friends website via Pay Pal at

<https://firstfriendsnjny.org/donate/>. Or make out and mail a check to First Friends NYNJ, 53 S. Hackensack Ave., Kearny, NJ 07032. You can specify that your donation is for phone cards on the memo line of your check or on the PayPal form.

PLEASE: No food, clothing, or children's items.