

**WELCOME TO ANCHOR HOUSE
A MINISTRY TO INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS**

DITTY BAG PROGRAM

Anchor House is an inter-denominational arm of local churches who are engaged in outreach to international seafarers through Port Manatee, Florida.

We are delighted that you have expressed an interest in our Ditty Bag Program and you may have already donated to it in the past. Without the help of churches and community, the Program would be much less effective.

We try to keep the gift bags somewhat uniform so if you send in watch caps, empty ditty bags, and supplies to fill them, it is easier for you—and for us to assemble them. It is helpful to receive your donations in October or early November so we can begin to give them out by Thanksgiving Day.

Your gift will be a tangible expression of the love of Jesus Christ. For many this will be the **ONLY** gift they will receive. As you work on this project please pray for the seafarers and those who work at Anchor House. It is only through prayer support that others will be able to find Jesus Christ as the only anchor for their soul which is firm and secure. (Heb. 6:19)

Donations of cash toward this program are also appreciated. Thank you for your interest and gifts that will benefit the seafarers that come into Port Manatee from all over the world. If you have any questions, please call Anchor House 941/722-0764.

TO SEW DITTY BAGS:

Cut scrap material approximately 12 inches by 21 inches. Fold it over and seam the sides. Turn down the top 1/2 inch and seam. Insert a single 25" draw string in the top. The bag should be not less than 10 inches by 10 inches when completed.

We try to include about 10 of the following suggested items in each bag:

shampoo/conditioner	bar soap
disposable razors	deodorant
toothbrushes	aftershave
toothpaste	hand lotion
combs	white tube socks
lip balm	note pads
tissue packets	pens
fingernail clippers	pencils
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Sample sizes of personal items are extremely good and some items can be purchased at Wal-Mart for about \$.50 each.

Thank you for your gifts of any of the above items that help us assemble more than 500 Ditty Bags each holiday season.