Help a Genesis client celebrate their special day with a Birthday in a Box! Here’s how you can create a box full of all the items needed to make a birthday memorable:

1. **Select your recipient.** This can be an adult woman, adolescent or a child. If you’re selecting a child or teenager, please also choose a gender and include this information on an index card with the box (ex. “Teen Boy, age 13”).

2. **Purchase a storage container.** We find that clear plastic containers work well, roughly the size of a shoe box.

3. **Add ingredients to container!** Choosing a theme (Disney princess, super hero, etc.) is a fun way to stock your box full of everything our kiddos will need to celebrate their special day!

**Below are suggested items to include in your Birthday in a Box:**

**CHILDREN & TEENS**
- Small gift such as toy, coloring book, crayons, gift card, etc.
- Birthday card – please leave the card blank for the child’s mom to sign
- Box of packaged shelf-stable desserts (such as Little Debbie snacks) or a box of cake mix and a jar of frosting

**SINGLE WOMEN & MOMS**
- Card for a Genesis client, which may be either a single woman or a mom. We ask that you leave it blank so that her counselor can write her a personalized birthday note. Please avoid cards with religious messages to respect all beliefs.
- Small gift for mom (scarf, nail polish, candles, etc.)
- Journal and pens
- Lipstick, socks or other goodies she may enjoy

To schedule a drop off, contact Mackenzie Duncan, in-kind donations coordinator, at mduncan@genesisshelter.org or 214.389.7775.