FUN PUN GIFTS!!! – Pat Fultz

Candy Bar
Replace the paper wrapper with fun, funky paper on which the following is printed:
Front: THANK YOU!!! You have been so sweet!
Back: Thank you for... (use different fonts for each vertical column!)

Volunteer Essentials
Each individual receives small colorful bag, with "Volunteer Essentials" printed on one side and the following printed information on the other side (of course, all these items are in the bag!):

* A lollipop to help you lick your problems
* A rubber band to help you be flexible
* A Snicker to remind you to laugh
* A paperclip to help you hold things together
* A caramel to help you "chew the fat" with friends
* A stick of gum to give you a stick-to-it attitude
* A pin to help you pin-point problems
* A piece of string to help you tie up loose ends
* A Lifesaver to keep you from drowning in everyday problems
* A lemon drop to remind you "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade"
* A penny to give you the extra "cents" everyone needs
* Kisses to remind you that you are loved!!!

Stress Management Kit
Each individual receives a colorful bag (use appropriate graphics... illustration of someone holding the whole world on his or her shoulders, etc.) with "Stress Management Kit" printed on one side and the following information printed on the opposite side (of course, all of these items are in the bag!):

* RUBBER BANDS to remind you to stretch your ideas andyour mind to new limits so you will continue to grow
* TISSUE to remind you to see the tears and needs of yourself as well as others.
* CANDY KISSES to remind you that everyone needs a hug, kiss, or a word of encouragement everyday.
* LIFESAVERS to remind you to think of your friends as "lifesavers". They care about you and want to help you through the stressful times that occur in your life.
* PENNY to remind you the value of your thoughts... big and little! Share them with others.
* ERASER to remind you that we all make mistakes, and they don’t have to be permanent.
* TOOTHPICK to remind you to "pick" out the good qualities of others and yourself and to be tolerant and accepting of the differences of people.
* STARS to acknowledge your many accomplishments!
**Prescription for Success**
Each person receives a small bottle, filled with small colored candies, and plugged with a cork top. The colorful label includes the following (use different colored ink and appropriate graphics for each respective remedy!):

Top line: RX -- Take yourself or share with others when needed
- Green Teamwork
- White Speckle Smiles and Laughter
- Yellow Strength
- Orange Leadership
- Pink Communication
- Blue Sharing
- Red Service
- Purple Fearlessness

**Leadership Garden**
Each individual receives a bundle of seed packets -- small envelopes containing real vegetable seeds, with the following information printed (in color) on the front of each respective envelope (be sure to use some fun graphics to illustrate each of these veggies, too!)

At the top of the bundle is a small piece of paper, with the following information printed in color (use those special scissors to trim the edges of the paper in fun shapes!):

- The Leadership Garden
- Plant 5 rows of peas -- (Print this info on the Pea seed packet)
  - Preparedness
  - Politeness
  - Promptness
  - Patience
  - Perseverance

- No garden is complete with turnips -- (print this info on the Turnip seed packet)
  - Turn up for teamwork
  - Turn up with a smile
  - Turn up with new ideas
  - Turn up with real determination

- Plant 5 rows of lettuce -- (print this info on the Lettuce seed packet)
  - Let us be Faithful
  - Let us be Loyal
  - Let us be Unselfish
  - Let us be Thoughtful
  - Let us be Loving Toward Others

- Plant 3 rows of squash -- (print this info on the Squash seed packet)
  - Squash Gossip
  - Squash Criticism
  - Squash Indifference

**TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE GARDEN!**
Thank You’s to Volunteers
Attach a strip of magnetic tape to the back of a small box of raisins and attach a small note “Thanks for raisin’ all those funds!”

Attach a note to a bag of mixed nuts, stating “We would go nuts without your support!”

Wrap votive candles in cellophane and tie them with ribbon, attaching a note stating “You light up the lives of so many!” and “You lighten our load by volunteering.”

Involve young children in creating “Thank You Posters,” using posterboard and crayons/markers. These hand-drawn posters can be given to donors, businesses, and others partners to hang in the lobby or entrances of their offices or buildings.

Involve youth in painting terra-cotta pots to give to volunteers. On the rim of the pot, paint “Thank you for helping us grow.” Inside, place packets of flower seeds and a certificate. Tie a few strings of raffia around the top and have them present the pots to the volunteers!

Take a yellow work glove and stuff it full (to the fingertips!) with fiberfill, then tie it closed with ribbon around the wristband. On the palm side of the glove, paint (crafts paint) a variety of shapes on each finger and thumb (heart, star, 4-leaf clover, along with small dabs of paint (in a variety of colors). In the palm, paint in big letters “Thank you!” and surround it with more small dabs of paint. Then, attach a note to the ribbon that says, “Give Yourself A Hand!”

To a small container of Play-Doh, attach a label that says “Thank you for making a commitment to shape the future of our youth/program/organization!” Put a 4-H sticker on the top of the lid!

Tape/staple or somehow attach a small plastic toy dinosaur to a round circle of colored construction paper, on which is printed “Dinomite job! Thank you for all you do!”

Tie a note to a pair of sunglasses with colorful ribbon - on the note, print a special message to include the person’s first name, followed by “Thank you for all your work as Committee Chair/Leader. Your leadership and energy have helped to make our organization/program so bright we gotta wear shades!”

For someone who has been involved in the strategic planning or long-range planning process for your program, present a state map (or city or county map) that has a four-leaf clover taped on the front on it. Personalize the clover by printing the name of the individual on one leaflet and printing “Thanks for helping 4-H/our program/organization map out tomorrow” (beginning in the leaflet on the left and going across to the leaf on the right side). Then have a child or a representative of the program sign their first name on the bottom or remaining leaflet.