ITEMS NEEDED:

- Large (33.9 oz), clean coffee jug/can*
- Two-page Kids Helping Kids donation bucket cover
- Scissors
- Clear tape

STEP 1
Cut Page 1 of the donation bucket cover along the dotted lines.

STEP 2
Tape the bottom half of that page (The section with the story entitled, “What do you do when disaster strikes?”) to the outside of your coffee jug.

STEP 3
Tape each of the remaining pieces directly to the left and right of the story. It is fine if these pieces overlap. Now, your coffee jug should be mostly covered, with a small section showing in the back.

STEP 4
Tape Page 2 of your bucket cover over the uncovered portion of your coffee jug. It will overlap, but make certain it is centered behind the story. And you’re done!

*You can also use an old ice cream bucket or another medium-sized container
In September 2011, Cindy Conaway of Ringwood, Okla., received a call from her doctor asking her to come in for some tests. Cindy, who was pregnant with her fourth child, quickly went to the OU Medical Center, prepared for an overnight stay. Events escalated rapidly, culminating in an emergency c-section at 3 a.m. and the birth of her son 11 weeks early.

“Josiah Gene was born weighing 1 pound and 14 ounces,” Cindy said. “We were completely unprepared, and we spent many hours trying to figure out what to do. A social worker in the hospital told us about the Ronald McDonald House, and we decided to go that route.”

After several days in the hospital, the Conaway family checked into the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City for a 31-day stay, and after a short trip home, they stayed another 25 days.

“It was so nice,” Cindy said. “They have laundry facilities, a full kitchen with supper provided daily, books to read, and a basketball court. During our stay, we even visited the Oklahoma City Zoo at no expense due to the generosity of the donors at the House. We will always cherish that day.”

After 64 days in the hospital, Josiah went home on Dec. 28, 2011, weighing 5 pounds. He is now a thriving 2 year old.

“Josiah is a miracle, and his story has had a much better outcome than many children, given his start,” Cindy said. “I would highly recommend the Ronald McDonald House to anyone who finds themselves in Oklahoma City with a sick or injured child. It is a worthy 4-H cause.”
Help your local 4-H Club AND the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oklahoma City by donating today!