Drives to Thrive

Need

People need soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste.

Our participants receive food stamps. Food stamps DO NOT cover the cost of these essentials. We take **toiletries** for granted. The homeless cannot. Travel sizes are great.

People need **food**. Too often, the monthly allotment for food stamps do not make it to the end of the month or are delayed. Our participants need one or two extra bags of groceries to make it to the next month.

Gift cards to local supermarkets—Giant, Safeway, Walmart—are a big help. A **$25 Gift Card** will give one of our participants fresh vegetables and other items not covered by food stamps—like laundry, soap, and toilet paper.

Our participants also need **clothes**—not only a nice business suit (women and men) for their interview, but a start-up wardrobe when they land a job. Do you have any business clothes in your closet that could use a new home?

Response

Your parish, business, or civic group can make a **big** difference.

1) Establish an "on-going" toiletry drive if space allows. Provide a drop off place every day, on Sunday, or once a month. A local company has a bin for travel soaps and shampoos in their mailroom. Someone volunteers to bring it to Samaritan Ministry. Call us—we will help!

2) Schedule a drive: What about a Spring Cleaning to empty those closets? Maybe a Harvest Moon to clean out the pantry? Be creative.

3) Mother's Day and Father's Day Toiletry Drives may be a part of your church culture. Do you need to revitalize them?

4) Remind people of the need by scheduling reminders from time to time.

5) Special Drives—schedule a Thanksgiving Can Drive to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to our neighbors in need. Or a Memorial Day Drive, Independence Day Drive, Labor Day Drive, etc.

6) Visit our webpage. The Wish List, under the donate button, is updated monthly.

7) While you are there, consider volunteering.

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