

“GET INN-VOLVED” Hamper Drive

Program Overview

An exciting new program is afoot at Inn from the Cold.....

Our guests are often in need of basic living and household necessities. This may be while they are staying at the Emergency Family Shelter but also once they transition into the community.

We have decided to expand on the traditional food hamper concept and instead of concentrating on just one type of hamper, offer a variety of different ones. The reason being; there is less risk in accumulating an over abundance of one item or hamper while lacking in another. We will monitor hamper inventories on an ongoing basis, making adjustments when required.

Outlined below are the Hampers and the current contents we are in need of. The items included are based on consultation with our Family Support team who work directly with our guests and are well aware of current and ongoing needs.

Hampers

Infant

Non-disposable shopping bag filled with;
Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, and in greatest demand) & Pull Ups
Formula (powdered “Good Start” brand)
Bottles & Sippy Cups
Infant Wipes & Body Wash
Clothing – not sleepers (we currently have enough)
Etc.

Why?

Many of the families we serve have young children; often infants. There are approximately 4-8 infants at the Inn on a regular and ongoing basis. Diapers, formula and the likes are in high demand and of great benefit to our families.

Toiletries (full sized)

Non-disposable shopping or toiletry bag filled with;
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Finger nail clippers
Shaving cream
Razors
Feminine Hygiene Products
Etc.

Why?

These items can be considered more of a luxury than necessity for our guests. Our families often lack these items and our having a regular and ongoing supply is most helpful.

Spinz-Around (Grocery)

Non-perishable food stuffs

****See bottom of document for a comprehensive list of items****

Why?

The Spinz-Around program supplements our community families' grocery needs. Resources, be it food or finances, are often limited and groceries can be one of the necessities that is lacking. Families are able to visit the Inn once a week to "shop" for items they may not be able to provide for their families.

Housewarming

Landry basket filled;

Mop/broom

Toilet paper

Dish cloths/towels

Dish soap/laundry detergent

Cleaning products

Shower curtain and hooks

Child locks (for doors and drawers)

Gift cards (Safeway or Superstore)

Candles, decoration, etc. – "home-warming" items

Etc.

Why?

At the time in which our families find permanent housing many do not have the basic items necessary for any household. These staples will provide an important foundation for families as they transition from the Inn to the community.

Arts & Craft

A basket filled with;

Crayons

Felt markers

Pencils crayons

Stencils

Paper – white and color

Stickers

Glue sticks

Etc.

Why?

Children account for approximately half of the family members at the Inn. We have an on-site toy and activity room for the children that often needs of arts & craft supplies. Kids will be kids and therefore; crayons are broken, lids are left off markers and stickers are used in over-abundance. Ongoing replenishment of these items would be most helpful.

****Family Support's Grocery Needs List****

Pasta
Rice
Peanut butter
Jam
Cereals
Lunch items for kids
Pasta sauces
Soups (variety – chicken noodle, beef vegetable, crème of chicken, mushroom, bean and bacon, etc)
Tomato Paste
Canned Tomatoes
Canned Fruits and Vegetables
Noodles (Ichiban???)
Cookies
Crackers
Kraft dinner
Tuna
Canned meat
Snacks
Condiments (mustard, ketchup, relish, mayo)
Sandwich bags/saran wrap
Toilet Paper
Dish Soaps
Female Hygiene
Baby Formula
Larger size diapers
White Flour
Salt
Sugar
Pepper
Juice Boxes
Oatmeal
Salad Dressing
Dried Beans (kidney, black)
Lentils
Tea
Coffee
Juice Crystals

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