



CURRENT NEEDS

Thousands of area residents will arrive at the doorstep of emergency shelters this year, forced from their homes by deepening poverty. You can help our struggling neighbors rebuild their lives.

With our partners, Community Shelter Board served over 12,000 people last year. We are making a strong collective impact, but many of our quality programs are stretched to the limit and beyond by a rapidly growing wave of need. Over the last four years, use of homeless shelters is up by 63% among families and 16% among single men and women.

A new center with multiple shelter programs has opened to address this increased need for safe shelter. We need your help to stock the shelves at Community Shelter Board's Van Buren Center with the simple things we all use each day to stay safe, clean and warm.

You can make a difference

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- < deodorant
- < shaving cream
- < twin sized sheets
- < bath towels
- < baby bottles - *new*
- < baby formula - *new, unopened*
- < pacifiers - *new*
- < sippy cups - *new*
- < women's undergarments - *new*
- < children's undergarments - *new*

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HYGIENE ITEMS

- < tampons
- < razors
- < tissues
- < combs & brushes
- < nail clippers
- < hotel toiletries

LINENS (*new or gently used*)

- < wash cloths
- < laundry detergent

CHILDREN'S ITEMS

- < pull-up diapers & size 6 diapers
- < baby blankets - *new or gently used*
- < bottle brushes - *new*
- < baby powder
- < baby/children's shampoo
- < car seats - *new or gently used*
- < strollers - *new or gently used*

UNDERGARMENTS

- < socks - *new or gently used*
- < men's undergarments - *new*

Community Shelter Board receives support from the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the United Way of Central Ohio, The Columbus Foundation, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Ohio, and other public and private investors.



We can put these items to good use right away. You can drop things off 24 hours a day at:

Van Buren Center
595 Van Buren Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Questions? Contact the volunteer coordinator at volunteer@csb.org. We cannot accept donations of furniture, cookware, appliances, clothing or toys.

Items we CANNOT accept include:



The following organizations are likely able to accept the items listed above.

Faith Mission

614-224-6617 x2171
245 N. Grant Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215
Donations can be delivered from 7 am to 7 pm daily. To make a donation outside of these times, call 614-224-6617 x2171.
<http://faithmissionofohio.org/>

Goodwill Columbus

614-294-5181
Donations can be made at any of their six retail locations or at one of 14 attended donation centers in Franklin County.
<http://www.goodwillcolumbus.org/>

The Salvation Army

1-800-SA-TRUCK
Donations can be made at any Salvation Army Family Thrift Store. Or schedule a pick up by calling 1-800-SA-TRUCK.
<http://co.salvationarmy.org/CentralOhio/>

United Methodist Free Store

614-445-7342 x14
946 Parsons Ave.
Columbus, OH 43206
Donations can be delivered during Free Store hours only.
<http://www.4allpeople.org/free-store/>

Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio

1-800-873-4505
Donations can be made at any Volunteers of America thrift store or donation drop box. Or find out about free pick-up service by calling 1-800-873-4505.
<http://www.voago.org/>

Westside Free Store

614-351-5480
61 S. Powell Ave.
Columbus, OH 43204
Donations can be delivered to the alley entrance at the back of the church during Free Store hours only.
<http://www.westsidefreestore.org/>