

You can help as we endeavor to meet the most basic needs of the disadvantaged and homeless men, women, and children in the Indianapolis community.

## CLOTHING (can be gently used)

### Men's Clothing

- Boots and shoes\*
- Coats and jackets\*
- Hats, scarves, and gloves
- Men's belts\*
- Pajamas (M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)\*
- Pants, jeans, sweatpants, etc.
- Socks\*
- Underwear (Thermal, boxers, briefs, t-shirts, and tank tops—M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)\*

### Women's Clothing

- Boots, shoes, sandals, and dress shoes (sizes 7-10)
- Coats, jackets, and rain ponchos (especially larger sizes)\*
- Flip flops/shower shoes (all sizes)
- Hats, scarves, and gloves
- Pajamas (M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)
- Socks\* and pantyhose (black, taupe, suntan; M to queen-size)

### Children's Clothing

- Coats and jackets (all sizes)\*
- Hats, scarves, and gloves
- Pajamas (infant—preteen)
- Socks and shoes (all sizes)\*
- Undershirts and underwear (all sizes)

## LINENS (can be gently used)

- Bath towels and wash cloths\*
- Bed sheets (Twin\*, Twin XL, Queen), pillow cases, and pillows
- Blankets (including baby blankets)
- Dish cloths and dish towels

## HYGIENE ITEMS

- Baby wipes\*, baby shampoo, diapers\*, and pull-ups\*
- Blow dryers
- Chapstick
- Cornstarch powder and foot powder
- Cotton balls
- Deodorant (trial/travel size, regular size, or spray)\*
- Disposable razors\*
- Hair conditioner, hair moisturizer, and hair relaxer
- Hairbrushes, combs, night caps, and ponytail holders
- Shampoo, body wash, and lotion (trial/travel size and large bottles)\*
- Shaving cream\*
- Skin lotion (trial/travel size and large bottles)\*
- Soap (trial/travel size)\*
- Super tampons and sanitary napkins
- Toilet paper
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (trial/travel size toothpaste)

## GROCERY ITEMS

- Assorted desserts
- Baked beans
- Coffee (regular and decaf), sugar, creamer
- Eggs\*
- Fresh or canned fruit and vegetables
- Fruit juice—cans or bottles
- Mayo, hot sauce, BBQ sauce, etc.
- Meats (fish, chicken, ham, beef)\*
- Milk\*, juice, lemonade, other drink mixes
- Paper napkins and paper towels
- Salt\*, pepper\*, other spices
- Sugar
- Pasta, rice, instant potatoes
- Oatmeal

## PROGRAM ITEMS

- #10 envelopes
- Blank CDs
- Copy paper
- Gift cards to McGraw Hill Contemporary, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon
- Inexpensive 8X10 frames for certificates
- Notebooks and notebook paper—college or wide ruled\*
- Pencils, pens, highlighters
- Pocket Folders
- Spiral index cards
- Tabbed notebook dividers
- Three ring binders—1 1/2", 3" clear view

## OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

### (sealed and in original containers)

- Antacid tablets
- Children's teething gel
- Children's Tylenol
- Cold/sinus medication (non-alcoholic)
- Cough drops and syrup (non-alcoholic) and throat lozenges
- Pain relievers (aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen)
- PediaSure and Pedialyte

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Batteries (C, D, AA, AAA)
- Disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, Lysol
- Hand and garden tools - shovels, rakes, etc.
- Kleenex (boxed and individual)
- Large pots and pans
- Large safety pins
- Large storage tubs
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets
- Metal folding chairs

**\*Items with asterisk are especially needed at this time!**

Donations can be dropped off at our Donation Center located at 2728 S. Madison Avenue or one of our ministry locations.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call our Administrative Offices at 317.635.3575 or visit our website, [WheelerMission.org](http://WheelerMission.org). 3.20.13

Direct all questions, comments, and ideas to:  
Special Events Coordinator  
events@wmm.org 317.535.4855

## Step 1: Choosing a Collection Drive

Thank you for taking the time and effort to organize a collection drive to help the homeless and needy in our community.

There are a variety of drives from which to choose. Choosing the right drive for you and your team can make all the difference between a low interest and an exciting and compelling drive.



## Collection Drive Ideas

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| <b>Year-Round Drives</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising</li> <li>Food collection</li> <li>Personal hygiene</li> <li>Bedding, blankets, and towels</li> <li>Christian literature</li> <li>Create-a-drive</li> </ul> | <b>Seasonal Drives</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warm coats and clothing</li> <li>Easter baskets</li> <li>School supplies</li> <li>Holiday food</li> <li>Christmas gifts</li> </ul> |
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Have another idea?

Contact us at events@wmm.org or 317.536.4855.

## Step 2: Motivate Your Team

Getting others involved is the key to the success of any drive. Building excitement while putting compassion in action is the doorway to fulfillment. Here are some methods that work:



*Competitive: provide a way for one team to "out do" the other*

*Compassion: make your team aware of the needs they are meeting*

*Contribution: everyone has something to give*

## Motivational Tools

- Progress-o-meter
- Appreciation gifts
- Awards, trophies, and plaques
- Pizza party
- Celebration event photos
- Social recognition
- Matching gift program



## Step 3: Promote the Drive

Building and sustaining the participation of a drive team is important. We encourage you to use announcements, posters, and collection boxes to keep your team aware of details and deadlines. Wheeler literature is also available.



## Promotional Tools

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcements</li> <li>Drive collection boxes</li> <li>Sample display items</li> <li>Volunteer log sheets</li> <li>Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)</li> <li>Wheeler literature</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text messaging</li> <li>Flyers</li> <li>Posters</li> <li>Email</li> <li>Meetings</li> <li>Website</li> </ul> |
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## Step 4: Post-drive Planning

- Complete log sheet of man hours
- Assign a team member to arrange delivery of items and log sheet to Wheeler Mission
- Schedule a tour of Wheeler with your Drive team



## Step 5: Special Recognition

Celebrate your team's accomplishments with a special party, meeting, or gathering. Provide a meaningful memento of what was accomplished.

