



Bless the Homeless All Year Long

DRIVES TO BENEFIT RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION

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Hundreds of people seek rescue and relief at Raleigh Rescue Mission each month. To meet the great demand for food, clothing and other necessities, we rely on the help of community volunteers to assist with special drives and seasonal collections. Your group can join us in ministering to the homeless by sponsoring one or more of the drives listed on this flier. Thanks for partnering with us to serve the homeless and near-homeless in our community!



Have you ever spent a raw January day outside without a warm coat? The homeless experience this every day. You can help provide warmth to homeless men, women and children by collecting new or gently used blankets, sleeping bags, coats, socks, hats, gloves, scarves and other winter wear. We'll also distribute your donations to low-income folks in the community who otherwise might go without.



Bring comfort to the homeless by collecting over-the-counter pain relievers, non-alcohol cold and flu medications, Benadryl, cough drops, sinus meds, antacids, foot powder and lotion. We'll distribute your gifts through our free on-site clinic.



We use lots of paper each day at the Mission! Help keep us supplied by collecting toilet paper, facial tissue, paper towels and dinner napkins. You can even collect copier paper for our office and craft paper for homeless children in our care.



During the sweltering months of summer, the homeless face a host of dangers from dehydration to heat stroke. Help quench their thirst and cool their bodies by collecting sunscreen and sun block, aloe vera gel, insect repellent, flip flops, rain ponchos, bottled water, juice, fresh fruit and vegetables.



Help Raleigh Rescue Mission spread the Good News of Jesus Christ when you collect NIV Recovery Devotional Bibles, journals, women's devotional Bibles, children's Bibles and Bible covers—or funds toward their purchase. We know lives can only be changed through God's Word. With you and your church's help, we can reach out to the homeless and lost with His love.



It takes a lot of scrubbing to keep our big house sanitary! You can help by coordinating a drive for laundry detergent, dryer sheets and bleach, dish soap, all purpose cleaners, latex gloves, brooms, dust pans and other housekeeping supplies.



Help feed hungry men, women and children by conducting a food drive at work, school, church or in your neighborhood. Collect staples such as rice, sugar, canned and fresh fruits and vegetables, pasta, tomato sauce, cooking oil, cereal, salt and pepper. Commercial sizes welcome!



Remember how exciting it was to wear a special new outfit on your first day of school? Give homeless children that same confidence by collecting new clothing, backpacks, school supplies or gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target or Old Navy.



The homeless constantly need personal items like underwear and socks. Help us provide them with the bare necessities by hosting a drive! Simply ask for donations of new, packaged socks, underwear, bras and T-shirts in adult and children's sizes.



Imagine going without that first cup of coffee to start your day. Help ensure everyone gets their wake-up call with a collection of regular and decaf coffee, tea bags, iced tea mix, creamer and sugar.



When a homeless man, woman or family comes to the Mission, they often possess little more than the clothing they're wearing. Help welcome them by creating Welcome Kits containing everything needed to stay healthy and clean each day. Collect travel-size hygiene items like toothpaste, a toothbrush, antiperspirant, disposable razors, shaving cream, soap and shampoo. Assemble them in 1-gallon zip-lock bags then add a warm note of encouragement in each.



Challenge coworkers to brown bag it for a week and donate the money they save on eating lunch out to the Mission! A gift of just \$25 will provide food for 12 people! Call to request brown bags for each person participating.



No one should go hungry on Thanksgiving and Christmas! Provide holiday fixin's when you collect stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, green beans, instant mashed potatoes, pumpkin pies and gravy mix. We'll use your donations to feed the hungry holiday meals in our dining hall or through our *Gobbles to Go* deliveries of hot turkey dinners for shut ins, the elderly and low-income families.

Ready to Get Started?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Contact Public Relations Director Leslie Currin, at (919) 828-9014, ext. 115 or lesliec@raleighrescue.org to request complete lists for each drive and to learn about drop-off times and locations. You can also schedule a speaker before your event or a tour when you bring in your donations.

Visit our Web site at www.raleighrescue.org to learn more about our ministry and other opportunities for service.

All items you collect must be new and in their original packaging; however, we gladly accept your gently used donations of winter wear, blankets, clothing and household goods.

GET CREATIVE!

Challenge your friends, coworkers, classmates or neighbors to come up with a drive or collection we haven't thought of! Hold a friendly competition, challenging another class or office to see who can collect the most money or material items! Make it even more fun by offering a Dress Down Day or a pizza party for the winners. (Let us know what you come up with so we can share your ideas with others.)

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the homeless and near-homeless we serve.
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