

Mission and Outreach to the Community of Southington through Social Services

The Southington Community Food Pantry, a collaborative effort of Southington Community Services and Bread for Life, is in need of non-perishable food items and personal care items to be distributed to the needy. "Due to the downturn in our economy, we have seen a large increase in the number of families needing our assistance. Over the past two years, we have seen our client base grow from 100 families to over 600 families. Our donations are no longer keeping up with the need," stated Janet Mellon, Director of Southington Community Services.

Pasta, sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned beans and franks, spaghetti/ravioli, corned beef hash, canned fruits, pancake mix, syrup, canned or bottled juices, coffee, tea, kid friendly snacks for lunches, baby food, baby cereal, soup, diapers, wipes, baby powder, baby lotion, baby Shampoo, adult shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shaving cream, men and women's deodorant.

(They have plenty of tomato soup and applesauce)

If you want to donate food throughout the summer months you can bring it to:

Bread for Life, Friendship Hall (behind the Masonic Hall), Main Street, Southington, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or at Southington Community Services, 91 Norton Street, Plantsville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: St. Paul's will not collect food during the summer at St. Paul's. (see below)

In the summer, we help Social Services in another way...

July 1 - Aug 8, we will collect the following for the children of Southington. You will find bargains and sales on back to school supplies beginning in July. Please put them in the basket at the back of the church and on August 8th, we will say a blessing for the children and send the supplies on their way!

Bookbags and School Supplies for children in Southington

You can buy a book bag and fill it with the following or donate individual items as you are able.

- Glue sticks
- Scissors (blunt ended for younger kids, pointed for older ones)
- Ballpoint pens
- No. 2 pencils
- Colored pencils
- A large pink eraser
- Water-based markers
- A four-ounce bottle of white glue or glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Spiral-bound or composition notebooks
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Pocket folders

A ruler with English and metric measurements
Scotch tape
A stapler
Pocket Calculators

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We will accept clean MEN's jackets, clean sweatshirts large sizes for men, and clean sweaters, large sizes for men. These can be left in Room 1 at the bottom of the stairs for distribution in November to the homeless. Please MEN only because they get a lot of donations for women.

The Youth collect hotel size shampoos, lotions, and soap year round and distribute them to the homeless in Hartford, a center for abused woman and Southington Social Services. As you vacation this summer, please remember us.

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The Youth Outreach Committee**

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