

St. Vincent de Paul – Bishop Ott Shelter and Myriam’s House Collection Campaign for the Homeless

We thank WGMB Fox 44, WVLA NBC 33, WBRL CW 21 and KZUP RTV19 for their continued outstanding community leadership in helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul reach out to homeless men, women and children.

This year marks the 20th year that the station has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul to make an impact in our community.

The Bishop Ott Shelter Program and Myriam’s House serve homeless men, women and children by providing over 25,000 guest nights of shelter annually with a philosophy of giving a hand-up, not a hand-out. The items collected in our annual campaign are critical in providing a home to people who have nowhere else to turn for help.

We open our arms and our hearts to those who have no place to call home. Help the most vulnerable in our community by donating one or more of the items listed below.

Needs for homeless men, women and children at the shelter and housing programs of St. Vincent de Paul

knit caps, gloves, t-shirts, sheets (twin & crib size); blankets; umbrellas and rain gear; pillow cases; pillows; disposable diapers (especially sizes 4,5,6); baby wipes; towels; washcloths; men’s, women’s and children’s underwear; baby lotion; baby shampoo; baby powder; napkins; disposable cups, plates & bowls; plastic forks, spoons, knives; paper towels; high efficiency laundry detergent; slippers; socks; bleach; toilet paper; drink mix (tea, lemonade, etc.); deodorant; disposable razors; toothpaste; toothbrushes; foot powder; feminine hygiene products; soap and shampoo; body lotion and body powder.

With the economic downturn, our beds are full, and we are seeing a lot of new people who have been impacted by the economy. So many people have lost jobs, while others still have jobs, but are working fewer hours. When you are already struggling to stay afloat, one missed paycheck can result in homelessness.

Please take a look at the list above and consider donating one of these items to our shelter program. Or better yet, head up a collection drive at your workplace, school or civic organization. For every item collected, there will be a very grateful recipient.

All items can be dropped off at the Bishop Ott Shelter located at 1623 Convention Street. Call us at (225) 383-7837 for more information.