

THOMAS HOUSE TEMPORARY SHELTER

MISSION: To provide a safe, supportive environment and the resources necessary for homeless families with children to remain together while empowering them to become independent and self-sufficient. Providing opportunities for new beginnings

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WISH LIST:

Food Pantry Items: Canned food, paper goods (i.e. paper towels, toilet tissue, etc.)

Housing Items: Alarm clocks, backpacks, batteries, cleaning supplies, deodorant, dishes, flashlights, gift certificates (fast food, movies, grocery stores, department stores, and gas cards) laundry and dish soap, medium and large diapers, new school supplies (pencils, pens, markers, paper, notebooks, etc.), new toys for birthday gifts, non-perishable food items, small and large food storage bags, pots and pans, paper towels, shampoo, sheets, towels, silverware/flatware, smoke detectors, telephones, toilet paper, Tupperware and 13 gallon trash bags.

Miscellaneous Items for the Residents: Shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste (regular sizes), gas cards

Specific Needs: Christmas needs: Gift cards to stores, fast food, supermarket & gas stations, towels, blankets, pots and pans, dishes, silverware. New unwrapped toys for school aged boys and girls (to supplement the Adopt-A-Family donations that have already been received for 55 families) and new blankets. Monetary donations always welcome!

Volunteers: Evening and Saturday Children's Program: Monday through Wednesday students are needed to provide support, guidance and tutoring (homework help, computer help, arts and crafts fun, and reading assistance) to children in the learning center. On Thursday evenings assistance is needed in programming activities for children while their parents are in class. Plan activities and birthday parties for children. Saturday mornings the learning center is also open to the youth for homework help, fun activities, celebrations and creative workshops. Also needed: weekly food shopper, grant writing, newsletter and mailing, answering telephone hot-line calls.