

Outreach Ministries of St. Johns

Blanket Ministry

New Start Blankets benefits domestic violence shelters in San Diego. The blankets we collect go to women and children who have escaped domestic violence. Most of the time, women and children arrive at the shelters with only the clothes on their backs. They are each given a new blanket, usually the only new thing they receive, and it is theirs to keep. Blankets are multi purpose, providing comfort, warmth, and security.

Eyeglass Recycling

If you buy new glasses, bring your old pair to St. Johns. They will be delivered to LensCrafter, where they will be reground and used for those who can't afford to buy brand new glasses.

Greeting Cards

Your greeting cards, stickers and other supplies will be delivered to our ECS Head Start program and to Mi Escuilita, a Head Start run by SBCS. All cards are accepted: free cards you have received from charitable organizations or greeting cards you were sent (you may cut off the back to remove any personal information). The children use them in art projects and to identify objects and make up stories.

Gently Used Blankets for Dreams for Change

The Outreach Committee has chosen to support Dreams For Change, an organization that provides resources for people living in their cars in 'Safe Parking' places set aside by the County. Please bring your **clean, gently used blankets, towels, and re-usable drinking containers** and they will be delivered to the organization. There will be a labeled container in Nale Hall to receive donations.

Food Collection for First Unitarian Universalist's South Bay Food Pantry

Help support First Unitarian Universalist's Food Pantry by donating the following items:

Food Items

- Hearty soups, stews, and chilis, with pop-tops (instead of cans needing a can opener)
- Peanut butter
- Canned fish and chicken
- Protein bars and meal-replacement shakes

Small Hygiene Products

- Toothpaste
- Safety razors
- Packs of wet-wipes
- Soaps

- Shampoos
- Sunscreen
- New socks

Additional Item

- Small empty egg cartons for dividing large flats of eggs into smaller units for distribution.

Please place all items in the basket/bin provided in Nale Hall