



Basic Needs Closet

The Samaritan Center's Basic Needs Closet is open on Tuesdays at breakfast and Thursdays at dinner. The everyday essentials provided in the closet help our guests feel confident & dignified. Guests are welcome to come and select five items they need.

greatest needs

- Soap/Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant/Body Powder
- Lotion
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent (small size)
- Dish Soap (small size)

seasonal needs

- Hand Warmers (September–March)
- Travel Mugs (September–March)
- Sunscreen (April–August)
- Ponchos (April–August)
- Reusable Water Bottles (April–August)

basic needs

- Conditioner
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Tissues
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Washcloths/Loofas
- Chap Stick
- Q-Tips
- Band-Aids
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Soap
- Combs, Brushes, Picks
- Nail Clippers/Files
- Diapers – especially sizes 5 & 6
- Socks – especially men's sizes



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Join in to Help

The Samaritan Center's Basic Needs Closet distributes everyday essentials, like soap, shampoo, deodorant & toilet paper. Individuals and families living in poverty find it difficult to access these items. The Basic Needs Closet allows for each guest to select up to five items they need. The closet is open twice each week.

Why it's Important

Toiletries cannot be purchased utilizing SNAP (food stamp) benefits and are rarely found in food pantries. These essentials often cost much more at convenience stores than at grocery/big box stores that are hard to access without transportation.

How You Can Help

The Basic Needs Closet is stocked because of the kindness and generosity of our community. We cannot accept opened/used toiletry items. We are grateful for both traditional and travel sized toiletries. Donations of any size are appreciated.

In order to promote our guests' ability to choose items based on their individual need and to discourage waste, we prefer toiletry donations remain loose or unpackaged, rather than groups sorting them as "blessing bags".

Drop-off Items

If you have a large donation, please give us a call to schedule a time to drop it off, so we can be ready to help you unload.

Drop-off times include Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-12:00PM

For more information on the Samaritan Center's Basic Needs Closet, email guestservices@samcenter.org or call (315) 472-0650 ext. 201.



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