Opportunities to Give

Hawthorne Education Center

Hawthorne Education Center accepts donations of adult winter hats and scarves, dish soap, shampoo (not conditioner), toothpaste and toothbrushes. These items can be dropped off at St. Luke's.

Neighborhood Schools

Our donations lessen the stress of learning while some essential needs are not met, especially among children and teens of homeless families. Often the staff provides these needs out of their own personal funds.

The church is open to receive donations 8-5 Monday - Friday and, of course, on Sunday morning. Items can be placed in the bins located in the downstairs foyer, while gift cards should be handed directly to Karen in the office. If you are ordering supplies online, please feel free to have them delivered directly to St. Luke’s. We will get all supplies delivered.

Thank you so much for your generosity! School is so much more fun and productive when children and teachers have the supplies they need to learn.

This Month’s Greatest Needs

Sunset Elementary

- Snacks for students— healthy-ish and individually wrapped (goldfish, animal crackers, granola bars, etc).
- Corded headphones for individual students. Each student needs their own set of headphones for test taking and the schoolwork they do on iPads. Some students aren’t able to afford them. A good example is the "Sony ZX Series wired on Headphones". Or any brand of headphone as long as it has the standard 355mm jack would be perfect.
- Gift Cards - Walmart, Amazon, or Target in $10.00 increments so that teachers can buy emergency supplies for students which often includes clothing.
- Backpacks
- Lunchboxes/Bag

John Marshall High School

- Snacks for students— healthy-ish and individually wrapped (goldfish, animal crackers, granola bars, etc).
- Deodorant – for both men and women
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Household Items

If you have donations of new or gently used household items, including couches, tables with chairs, beds, bedding, towels, dishes, etc, here are many wonderful options.

Catholic Charities at 507-287-2047 will arrange pickup from your house and accepts all the above. Donations are used for refugee families.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Resource Room at 507-288-7313 works with St. Vincent De Paul for helping Rochester homeless families and adults or for families in crisis with relocation needs to start their new apartments. They accept non-furniture items. They will arrange a time when you can drop off your items.

St. Vincent De Paul (507-250-5715) directly accepts beds, tables, dressers and household items, (not couches), but will usually ask you to hold onto the items until move in day, as they do not have a storage place. They appreciate a drop off, but will pick up if needed.

The Landing (507-884-0423) and The Warming Shelter (507-458-1223) accept new or gently used adult socks and jeans, which are given to homeless adults. Feel free to drop these off at St. Luke's and we'll get them delivered.

If you have any questions about any of these ministries or would like to help volunteer, please contact the church office.