

Holiday Giving Programs

Turkeys for Holidays. Provide a homeless family with a turkey this holiday season. Donate turkeys and other traditional (non-perishable) Thanksgiving foods to help make a family's meal one to remember! Please deliver all donations to our River Street location as soon as possible.

Adopt-a-Family. Through this program you are matched with one or more families participating in our housing programs. Each homeless family creates a wish list that is given to you.

Adopt-an-Apartment. This program benefits families residing in SOS housing. You give families new household items for their apartment, such as sheets, bath towels and kitchen supplies. These items help families turn their house into a home.

On-site Drop Boxes. Our on-site drop boxes are available for your organization, office or business to collect items for donation to families participating in SOS programs. Boxes can be targeted for infant needs, personal care, house wares and non-perishable foods.



** Please contact Brenda at 734.484.9905 or brendab@soscs.org for more information about Holiday Giving Programs.

Other ideas for Holiday giving

Here are some of the ways you can help homeless families in our community celebrate the holiday season.

- 1. Hold a Benefit Day.** Are you a business owner? Do you belong to a band? Pick a day that a portion of your business sales or profits can go to SOS to help feed hungry families, assist them with housing crises and more.
- 2. Raising Awareness Fundraiser.** Think about the less fortunate this holiday season. SOS is happy to work with you to organize a house party, presentation, speaking engagement or other event to educate your friends or business colleagues about homeless families in our community. The event can raise both money and awareness for our programs.
- 3. Organize a Food or Personal Needs Drive.** Our Housing Services program is always seeking personal need and food items for the people we serve. Encourage these gifts at the office or among friends and help alleviate homelessness in Washtenaw County.
- 4. Go on an SOS Tour.** Bring a group of friends or co-workers to an SOS tour and see first-hand what we do and what you can do to help.
- 5. Jeans for Charity.** Organize a "Pay to wear Jeans" casual day at work and donate the proceeds to SOS.
- 6. Holiday gifts.** Encourage house guests to donate to SOS rather than bringing a hostess gift. Or, instead of asking for holiday gifts, have friends and family give donations to SOS in your honor, and do the same for them.
- 7. You invent it.** Do you have your own creative idea? We'd love to hear it! Please contact Angela at angelam@soscs.org to share your ideas for holiday giving.