

Off-Site Volunteer Activities for Youth

Towel Drive:

- Put our brightly colored flyers in your neighborhood announcing that you are doing a drive for “clean, gently used, towels, hand towels, and wash cloths”.
- Set a date for pick up about a week from placement of the flyers.
- Ask residents to collect their old towels and put them in bags on their front porch with the flyer attached for easy identification of the donations.
- Go back and collect the towels, ensure that they are clean, and bring them to Embry Rucker Community Shelter at 11975 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA. 20190.

Make Bedtime snacks for children at the shelter. See guidelines.

Make Bagged lunches for shelter clients. See guidelines.

Cook or bake something!

- Prepare large casseroles in disposable aluminum pans, and freeze for later use at the shelter:
 - Breakfast casseroles (egg, cheese, meat, French toast, etc.)
 - Pasta casseroles (lasagna, Alfredo, pasta salad, manicotti, tuna, etc.)
 - Veggie or side dish casseroles (like scalloped potatoes, mac n cheese, fried rice w/ chicken or veggies, roasted veggies, etc.)
- Make cookies, cakes, pies, fruit cobblers, Bread pudding, or other desserts

Do a drive for needed items in front of a local store. Be sure to get permission from the store first!

- Choose a theme, and make up wish lists of items to be collected
- Borrow a table cover from us with our logo on it to help draw customers to your stand
- Pass out flyers to shoppers and ask them to purchase items to help the shelter
- Collect the items purchased by shoppers and bring to shelter
- Possible themes:
 - Toiletry drive
 - Housewarming needs (pots and pans, plate sets, flatware, pot holders, dish towels, dish drains, plastic wrap, foil, plastic storage containers, utensils, knives, bowls, measuring cups and spoons, can openers, etc.)
 - Cleaning products (for those moving to housing—scrub brushes, sponges, paper towels, wipes, dish soap, laundry detergent, mops, buckets, floor cleaner, etc.)
 - Women and children’s needs (diapers, wipes,

Date and sort bins of toiletries—pick them up from our location and follow instructions for task completion.

Set up a time to bring these items to Embry Rucker Community Shelter at 11975 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA. 20190. Call Susan at 571 323-1383 or email at susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org