

## **Donating to Sisters Of The Road**

In addition to our cafe, research, and community organizing programs, Sisters Of The Road operates several smaller programs to help people without housing meet their needs. The children's corner, knitting circle, limited hygiene supplies, and a book exchange are all available to anyone in need of them. These programs are supported primarily by donations of supplies; your help makes a difference and is always appreciated!

### **FAQ**

#### **What items are needed?**

Hygiene: In order to dedicate more of our resources to our community organizing work, Sisters altered our Hygiene Program on July 1, 2009. We continue to distribute specialized hygiene supplies: feminine hygiene items, infant diapers and wipes, adult diapers, and condoms. Donations of these items are gratefully accepted. Suggested places to donate general hygiene supplies are listed on the reverse of this sheet.

#### Children

- racially diverse baby dolls and doll accessories
- any large, sturdy toys without lots of pieces
- pretend play toys (pretend tools, doctor kits, etc)
- toy cars and trucks
- coloring books, construction paper and crayons
- sippy cups and bottles

#### Assorted Needs

- bus tickets and passes to look for work and make their appointments- honored citizens or all-zone passes/ tickets are most desirable
- books for our Personalist Center book exchange
- knitting needles and yarn for our popular knitting circle

**What is the best time to donate these supplies?** Although we make a push to collect supplies during certain times of the year such as the holidays, our customers need these items throughout the year, and we will gratefully accept your donations ANY time!

**Where do I deliver items?** Please bring them to the cafe at 133 NW Sixth Ave. at the corner of Sixth and NW Davis, Monday through Friday, between 8am and 5pm, or to our office at 618 NW Davis from 8am to 5pm. Someone will ask you to fill out an in-kind donation form which you can use for your tax purposes and which helps us track our community support. *Please Note:* We are sometimes closed on weekdays for holidays, maintenance or once-a-month trainings. To ensure that someone will be able to accept your donation, please call ahead at (503) 222-5694.

**Who will receive these supplies?** Individuals and families experiencing homelessness and/or extreme poverty can receive diapers, adult diapers, feminine hygiene supplies, and condoms at no cost, whenever the items are available. There is no intake procedure.

**What items can you not accept?** We are not able to accept or distribute the following items. Check out the list of items with their alternative donation sites:

- **General Hygiene Supplies**
  - Transition Projects- 475 NW Glisan
  - Downtown Chapel- 604 W Burnside
  - SAFE Shelter- 11 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- **Clothes**
  - Downtown Chapel, 604 W. Burnside
  - Blanchet House, 340 NW Glisan
  - Union Gospel Mission, 3rd & E. Burnside.
- **Furniture & household items**
  - Community Warehouse - 2267 N. Interstate, 503-235-8786
- **Most Toys** (used toys, stuffed animals, fashion dolls, puzzles, toy guns or other war toys, any toy with small pieces, balls, skates or other outdoor toys, cards)
  - Used toy donations: Goodwill, 1943 SE 6th Avenue
  - New toys for children under five: Insights Teen Parent Program, (503) 239-6996
  - For new toys for older children, try your local Boys and Girls Club.

**Can you pick up my donation?** If the supplies are downtown, we may be able to send one of our customers, a barter worker who will earn meals in the Cafe, on this errand. If you are located outside the downtown area, we don't own a vehicle and are therefore unable to pick up donated items.

**Please fill out an In-Kind Donation Form.** When you drop off your donation, please take a moment to fill out an In-Kind Donation Form. These forms are important for our organization's tax records; they also serve as a receipt for your own tax purposes. All you need to do is estimate the retail value of the product being donated. Thanks again for thinking of Sisters!

To learn more about donating any of the above items, call or email Lauren, our Personalist Center Manager (503-222-5694 ext. 25, [lauren@sistersoftheroad.org](mailto:lauren@sistersoftheroad.org))

**Thank you for your concern for and generosity to families and individuals dealing with homelessness and poverty in Portland!**