



## SOS Community Services

*People Lending a Helping Hand*

*Housing Crisis Services  
Homeless Family Services  
Homeless Children's Services  
www.soscs.org*

Thanks for your generosity! The items listed below are those we most use and need in our day-to-day operations. We especially need **ITEMS IN BOLD**. Questions? **Please call Brenda at 734.484.9905 or e-mail [brendab@soscs.org](mailto:brendab@soscs.org)**.

**When you drop off your donation, please be prepared to fill out our donor form, which requires you to estimate the current market value of your donation. PLEASE CALL BEFORE DROPPING OFF DONATIONS!**

### Housing Crisis Services Wish List

#### Please Give **New, Unopened Items**

**Please call first!** Drop-Off Site: SOS Crisis Center, 114 N. River St., Ypsilanti; 734-484-4300  
Drop-Off Hours: 9 AM-4 PM, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, or 9 AM-7 PM, Wednesday

#### Family/Personal Care Needs

<b>Shampoo &amp; Conditioner</b>	Infant Care Items (wipes, blankets, bottles)	Razors/Shaving Cream
<b>Soap &amp; Deodorant</b>	Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss	Winter hats and gloves
<b>Diapers &amp; Pull Ups</b>	Facial tissue	Lotion
<b>African-American hair products</b>	New combs/brushes	Bus Passes and Tokens
<b>Toilet paper</b>	Underwear and socks (new please).	
<b>Feminine hygiene products</b>		

#### Non-Perishable Foods—all food donations must be in sealed containers; please, we prefer no glass containers

<b>Cash Contributions* (to buy discounted surplus food from Food Gatherers)<sup>†</sup></b>	Beans—dry, canned or bottled	Crackers & healthier snacks
<b>Grocery/Discount Store Gift Cards.</b>	Peanut Butter, other nuts, nut products	Other healthier prepared foods
<b>Canned Tuna, Salmon</b>	Peanut Butter companions (crackers, jelly, etc.)	Infant formula & Baby food
<b>Tuna Companions (mayo, cream of mushroom soup, tuna helper, etc.)</b>	Canned & bottled pasta sauces	<b>Food-Related Donations</b>
<b>Cereal (dry and hot)</b>	Canned & bottled vegetables	<b>New Quart &amp; Gallon-size Ziploc bags</b>
Any non-perishable, nutritious foods	Canned, bottled & dried fruits	<b>Plastic/Paper Grocery Bags</b> for packing food (used ok—but clean & good condition, please)
Rice, Pasta, Noodles, other grains	Canned, bottled & boxed soups	Children's games and toys
	100% juice—boxed, canned & bottled	
	Canned pasta products	
	Macaroni and cheese	

#### Other Family Needs

DTE Energy Gift Certificates	Gas Station and Taxi Gift Certificates for emergency transportation assistance to shelter
Motel/Hotel Gift Certificates for emergency one-night stays	Sleeping bags, flashlights/batteries, can opener

### Homeless Family Services Wish List

#### **Please call before dropping off any donations!**

#### Please Give **New Items, or Items that are Gently Used/in Excellent Condition**

**Gently Used** = clean; no stains, odors, or structural damage

**Please call first!** Drop-Off Site 2111 Golfside, Ypsilanti; 734-484-9905

Drop-Off Hours: 9 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday

<b>Trash Cans and Trash Bags (new only please)</b>	Vacuum Cleaners
<b>Gift Cards to Meijer/Target and other Stores</b>	Furniture: kitchen tables/chairs, sofas, bed frames, mattresses, dressers, lamps, desks, etc. <b>No Sofa Beds Please! (Clean and in good condition; please call first)</b>
<b>New Bedroom supplies:</b> sheets, blankets, sleeping bags/comforters.	Household cleaning/laundry supplies: cleaners, detergents, cleaning cloths/paper towels, gloves, sponges, whiteners, fabric softeners, toilet brushes, etc.
<b>Kitchen supplies:</b> Dishes, glasses, eating and cooking utensils, pots, pans, can openers, napkins, etc.	Flashlights and Batteries (new only please)
<b>New Bath supplies:</b> Towel sets, shower curtains/rings, shower caddies, toilet paper, family size personal care items	

\* We appreciate all contributions—cash and in-kind—to our Emergency Food Pantry. Cash contributions are particularly welcome because they enable us to purchase discounted food from Food Gatherers at rates far below those offered in the retail market. Your dollar goes further when we order from Food Gatherers. Questions about making a cash contribution? Please call Ellen Offen, at 734.961.1207 or e-mail [elleno@soscs.org](mailto:elleno@soscs.org).

## Homeless Children's Services Wish List

Please Give New Items, or Items that are Gently Used/in Excellent Condition

Gently Used = clean; no stains, odors, or structural damage

**Please call first!** *Drop-Off Site:* SOS Homeless Children's Services, 114 N. River St., Ypsilanti; 734-484-9905  
*Drop-Off Hours:* 9 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday

### New Only

**Disposable Diapers (especially large sizes)**

**Small Cans of Prepared Pasta and Soup**

(for kids' lunches)

**100% Juice**

**Diaper Wipes and Lysol Wipes**

**Lunch Boxes for kids lunches**

Hand Lotion

Children's socks, especially pre-school age

Boys & Girls' undershirts, underpants, socks (sizes 3T-5T)

Pants, Jeans, Sweatshirts, and shirts (sizes 3T – 6)

Small towels, dish clothes and wash cloths

Kid-sized paper plates, bowls, cups and plastic ware

Elementary-level academic workbooks (phonics, math, etc.)

Digital Ear Thermometer with plastic covers

Blank journals

New books and toys for kid's birthdays

New car seats

School supplies

### New Or Gently Used—clean, please

#### **Backpacks**

Kids' paints, arts and crafts supplies

Plastic storage tubs, all sizes

Snow pants (sizes 12 months – 6 years) and mittens

Children Music CDs

Children's Games (computer and other)

Outside items for children – basketballs, soccer balls, cones,  
plastic bats and Wiffle balls, etc.

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## SOS Office Operations Wish List

New or Gently Used Items Accepted

**Please call first!** *Drop-Off Site:* SOS Administrative Offices, 101 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti; 734-485-8730  
*Drop-Off Hours:* 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday-Friday

### New or Gently Used

Letter-size file storage boxes

Green file folders (letter-size)

Certificate frames (8 1/2" x 11")

Mailroom inbox system/organizer (wood or steel)

DVD player for staff training

### New Only, please

Postage

Bathroom and office cleaning supplies

Trash bags

Batteries (AA, AAA, 9V and D)

Re-writable CDs

Printer and Copier Toner Cartridges (please call re:  
compatibility)

Copier and Printer Paper, Colored Paper, Card Stock, note pads  
Pens, Highlighters, Pencils, Dry-Erase Markers

**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS REGARDING IN-KIND DONATIONS TO  
BRENDA BAYLIS AT 734.484.9905 OR BRENDA@SOSCS.ORG.**

**Our Mission:** SOS Community Services responds with care and respect to families in need by working in partnerships that result in economic, family, and residential stability.

SOS provides comprehensive services for homeless families and children and for families and individuals facing housing-related crisis in Washtenaw County. To make a tax-deductible contribution visit our website @ [www.soscs.org](http://www.soscs.org), or please contact Ellen Offen, SOS Development Director, at 734-961-1207, [elleno@soscs.org](mailto:elleno@soscs.org), or 101 S.Huron St. Ypsilanti , MI 48197.