



## 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

Shampoo & Conditioner  
Soap & Deodorant  
Diapers & Pull Ups  
African-American hair products  
Toilet paper  
Feminine hygiene products

Infant Care Items (wipes, blankets, bottles)  
Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss  
Facial tissue  
New combs/brushes  
Underwear and socks for potty-training

Razors/Shaving Cream  
Winter hats and gloves  
Lotion  
Bus Passes and Tokens

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

Cash Contributions\* (to buy discounted surplus food from Food Gatherers)<sup>†</sup>  
Grocery/Discount Store  
Gift Cards/Certificates from stores close to bus lines.  
Canned Tuna, Salmon  
Tuna Companions (mayo, cream of mushroom soup, tuna helper, etc.)  
Cereal (dry and hot)  
Any non-perishable, nutritious foods  
Rice, Pasta, Noodles, other grains

Beans—dry, canned or bottled  
Peanut Butter, other nuts, nut products  
Peanut Butter companions (crackers, jelly, etc.)  
Canned & bottled pasta sauces  
Canned & bottled vegetables  
Canned, bottled & dried fruits  
Canned, bottled & boxed soups  
100% juice—boxed, canned & bottled  
Canned pasta products  
Macaroni and cheese

Crackers & healthier snacks  
Other healthier prepared foods  
Infant formula & Baby food

#### Food-Related Donations

**New Quart & Gallon-size Ziploc bags**  
**Plastic/Paper Grocery Bags** for packing food (used ok—but clean & good condition, please)  
Children's games and toys

#### Other Family Needs

DTE Energy Gift Certificates  
Motel/Hotel Gift Certificates for emergency one-night stays

Gas Station and Taxi Gift Certificates for emergency transportation assistance to shelter  
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: SOS Prospect Place Family Shelter, 17 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti; 734-484-9905  
Drop-Off Hours: 9 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday

**New/Used Stackable Washer/Dryer**  
**Trash Cans and Trash Bags (new only please)**  
**Gift Cards to Meijer/Target and other Stores**  
New Bedroom supplies: sheets, blankets, sleeping bags/comforters.  
Kitchen supplies: Dishes, glasses, eating and cooking utensils, pots, pans, can openers, napkins, etc.  
New Bath supplies: Towel sets, shower curtains/rings, shower caddies, toilet paper, family size personal care items

Vacuum Cleaners  
Furniture: kitchen tables/chairs, sofas, bed frames, mattresses, dressers, lamps, desks, etc. No Sofa Beds Please! (**Clean and in good condition; please call first**)  
Household cleaning/laundry supplies: cleaners, detergents, cleaning cloths/paper towels, gloves, sponges, whiteners, fabric softeners, toilet brushes, etc.  
Flashlights and Batteries (new only please)

\* 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 Nancy, at 734.961.1204 or e-mail [nancys@soscs.org](mailto:nancys@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

Items in the left-hand column **MUST** be new.

**Please call first!** Drop-Off Site: SOS Prospect Place Family Shelter, 17 N. Prospect, 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 b-days

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.

Teen Games (Cranium, Apples to Apples and other "thinking" games)

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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

Certificate frames (8 ½" x 11")

Stackable Plastic Storage Tubs

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)

Paper Cutter

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

**ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE DONATION OF IN-KIND ITEMS TO  
SOS COMMUNITY SERVICES MAY BE DIRECTED 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 using cash or check, please contact Ellen Offen, SOS Development Director, at 734-961-1207 or elleno@soscs.org.