

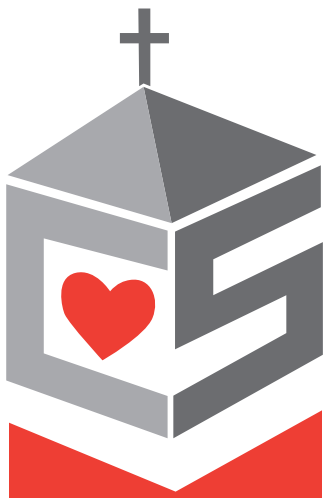
**CHRISTIAN
SHELTER**
Salisbury, Maryland



2024
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



Board Member Jeff Downes gives Mom a break with son Isiah, so she can enjoy lunch.



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Salisbury, Maryland

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The year in review: 2024

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we close out another year, we wish to reflect on the achievements and challenges faced by the Christian Shelter during 2024. We continued our mission to provide safe shelter and emotional support to those in need, despite the obstacles we encountered along the way.

Last year we faced a significant decline in donations. This development reduced our ability to operate at full capacity. While we are deeply grateful for the generous contributions that have come our way, the shortfall necessitated careful budgeting and the prioritization of resources. At the year's end, we were thrilled to report that the "Giving Tuesday" charitable day during November was an impressive success for us, as we raised more than \$20,000! This impressive outpouring of giving provided a beacon of hope as we worked to sustain our programs and services through the end of the year. We send a heartfelt "Thank you" to all who participated in the event or shared our campaign with their communities.

In response to our current fundraising challenges and the desire to strengthen our community network, we are excited to announce several new initiatives for 2025:

1. *Covenant Partners Program*: We're rolling out the "Covenant Partners Program" with the goal of securing 2,000 individuals who pledge to donate \$20 to the Shelter each month. This will provide consistent funding throughout the year.

2. *Caseworker Volunteer Program*: To enhance our in-house support systems, we will launch a "Caseworker Volunteer Program." A caseworker is a volunteer who helps people with their personal challenges. Sometimes they are social

workers or individuals who work for social agencies. Here at the Shelter, each guest will be assigned to a caseworker who will review the guest's individual circumstances and then provide counseling tailored to their unique situation. Our goal is to help each guest navigate a path towards greater stability in their life.

3. *Outreach to Local Churches*: We believe that our faith communities represent an integral role in our mission. During 2025, we will reach out to local churches and invite them to partner with us through monthly donation initiatives. By engaging more with our churches, we hope to build a strong, community-driven financial engagement network.

The Christian Shelter remains steadfast in its commitment to serve the homeless. While the financial landscape poses many challenges, we are optimistic about the opportunities ahead. We recognize that every contribution – whether it be financial, time, or resource – is invaluable. Please know that the Shelter's Board of Directors and staff are thankful for the community that has faithfully supported us in the past. We may never know which lives we impact, but together we believe that we are called to serve those who find themselves in rough waters. It isn't always easy to do this work, yet we must continue to do it.

In the Old Testament, **Micah 6:8** states, "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" These are words to ponder during the new year as you consider God's call in your life.



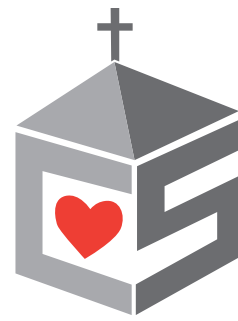
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WHY WE EXIST



**CHRISTIAN
SHELTER**
Salisbury, Maryland



WHO ARE WE?

Christian Shelter Inc., located in Salisbury MD, is a temporary Emergency shelter providing safe shelter, nutritious meals, Practical and spiritual direction, and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ to people in crisis.

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of GOD be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but actions and in truth."

1 John 3:15.

MISSION:

The mission of the Christian Shelter is to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people in crisis by providing safe shelter, nutritious meals, practical and spiritual direction through the good news of Jesus Christ.

OUR PROVISION:

Christian Shelter, Inc. is a tax-exempt, charitable organization, provided for through the generosity of God's people. While not affiliated with any particular denomination, it receives a large portion of its support from local churches and Christian groups and individuals. Businesses and civic organizations also provide significant support.





2024 MAJOR PROJECTS list

- Installation of a new Dry Control Valve on the Fire Sprinkler System
- Replacement of subfloor and installation of new flooring in the Kitchen Bathroom
- New flooring in the Large Family Room
- New flooring in Family Room #5, plus a new shower and painting
- Installation of a new Fire Alarm Panel
- Installation of a new 100 gallon domestic water heater
- Conversion of a Storage Room to a new office (Sister Shanika)



2024 CHRISTIAN SHELTER Staff Members

Bro. Anthony Dickerson
Executive Director

Sis. Mary Williams
Administrator

Bro. Daniel Bacon
Business Associate

Sis. Shanika Manuel
Program Coordinator

Sis. Paula Williams
Night Staff

Sis. Kelshia Hinmon
Night Staff

Sis. Ellen Perry
Night Staff

Sis. Demitra Godley
Night Staff

Bro. Dwayne Ballard
Night Staff

Sis. Lori Hoffmaster Shirley
Cook

Sis. Sharlene Sainnatus
Prep Cook

Sis. Casey Flanagan
Lead Youth Mentor

Sis. Stacey Townsend
Youth Mentor



New Prep Cook, Sharlene Sainnatus



SERVICES provided to guests

- 3 Meals per Day
- Daily Devotions
- Food Nutrition
- One - One Budgeting Sessions
- Parenting Classes
- Mental Health Classes
- Computer Lab
- Financial Saving
- Movie Night
- Family Group Therapy - New
- After School Tutoring
- One on One Counseling
- Clothing Ministry
- Food Sharing Program
- Prescription Referrals
- Employment Referral Program
- Housing Assistance
- Emergency Transportation
- Music Therapy - New
- Youth Mentoring
- Youth Activities for our Youth - New



Clothing Ministry Volunteer, Amanda Johnson



The 2024 National Christian Choir performers.



Left to Right: Bonnie Luna (Magi Fund), Sister Marilyn Bouchard (Joseph House Center), Gus Lebois (Christian Shelter).

**Seagull Century
Bike Ride**
\$12,600 WAS RAISED!

**Children's Ministry
Receives Rotary Grant for
After School program**



Left to Right: Gus Lebois, David Downes, Dr. Elizabeth Burke, Dan Williams, Maureen Williams.



Left to Right: Anthony Dickerson (Executive Director), Casey Flannagan (Lead Youth Mentor), Stacey Townsend (Youth Mentor)



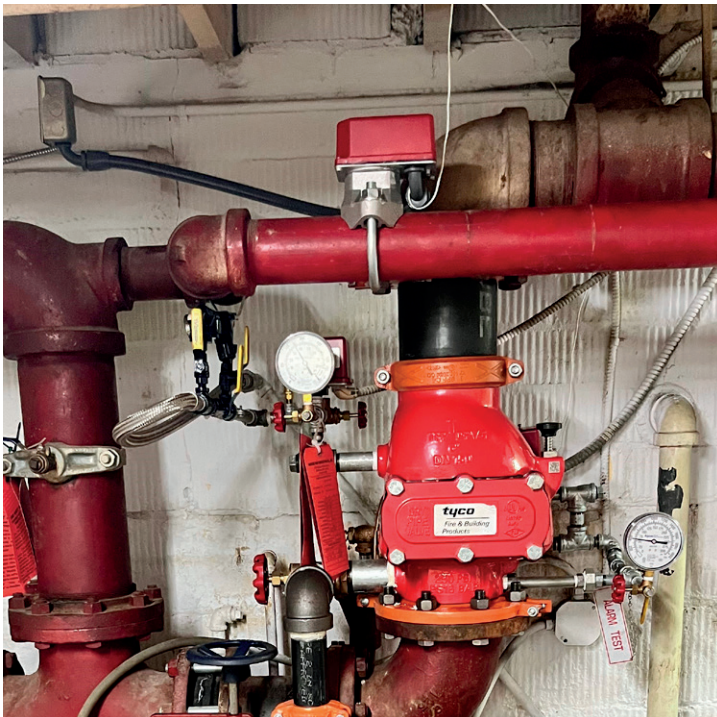
Wednesday Morning Prayer Warriors Ladies donated this bench to the Christian Shelter. Pictured Brother Kenny Wilson.

The Women's Sewing Circle of the Salisbury Mennonite Church have once again used their talents to put together twelve (12) baby bundle packages and eight (8) blankets which they donated to the Christian Shelter just in time for Christmas.



Kristin Mast (L) and Tanya Mast (R), donated twelve 'Baby Bundles' to the Shelter.

NEW
Fire Protection
Dry Control Valve



NEW TILE FLOOR
in the Kitchen Bathroom





NEW FLOORING
in the Large Family Room



NEW FLOORING
in the Bathroom/Shower

NEW
Fire Alarm System



NEW
100 Gallon Water Heater





Guest William McGowan Working in the kitchen helping to inventory perishable items.



St Francis de Sale kids serving dinner at the Shelter.

Sister Mary Williams
Celebrates 22 years of Service



Right to Left: Anthony Dickerson (Executive Director), Sister Mary Williams, and Bryan Murfree (Chairman of the Board)



Music Therapy Session for the Children.

CHURCH DONATIONS

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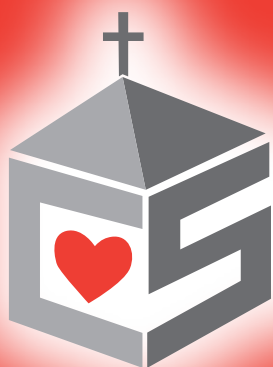
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2025 Sheltering Hearts Banquet

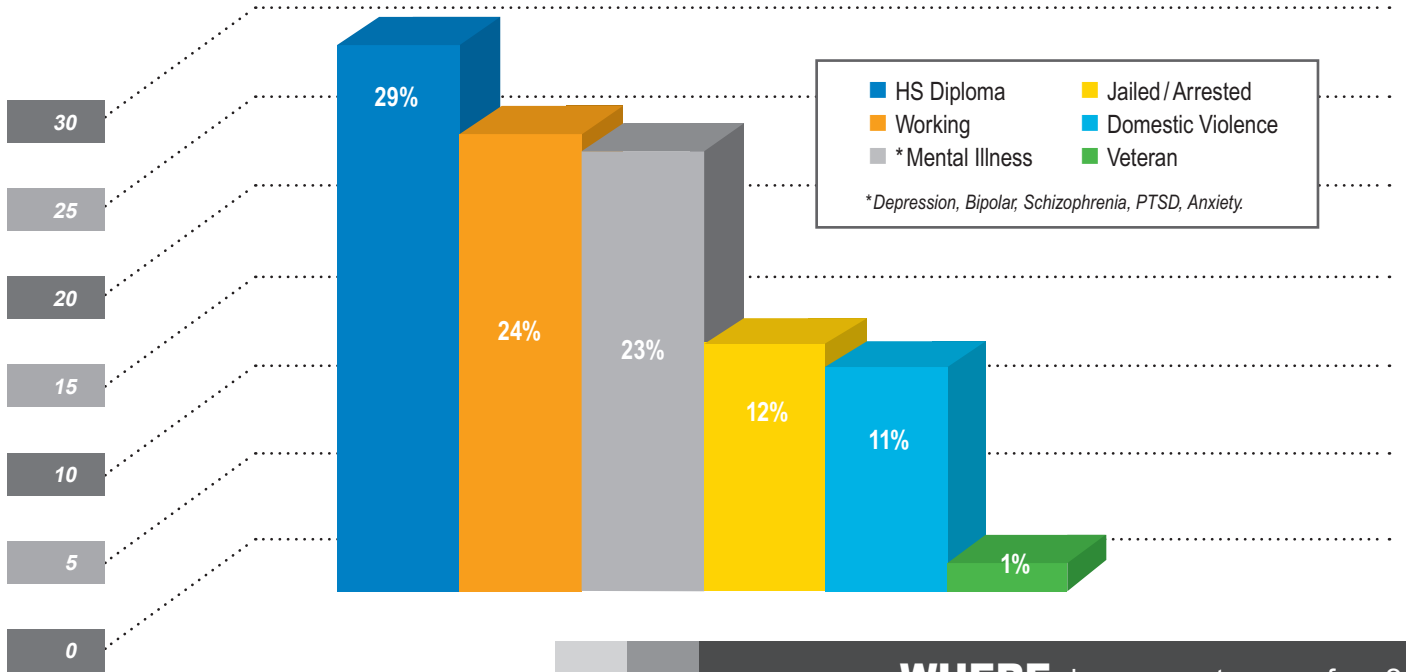
April 5, 2025

5:30pm at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center Midway Room

Tickets: contact Shanika Manuel at:

Shanikam@christianshelter.org or call 410-749-5673

2024 BACKGROUND DATA for guests at entry

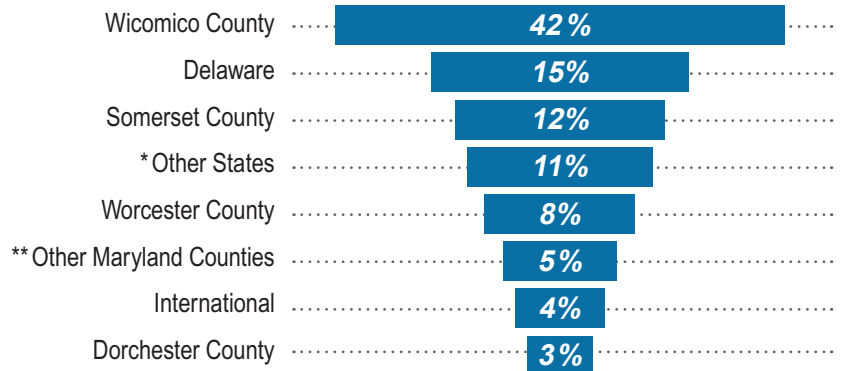


2024 by the numbers

Total Guests	299
Number Children	123
Turn-a-ways	420
Meals Served	21,169
Bed Nights	19,169
Vol. Hours	2,000

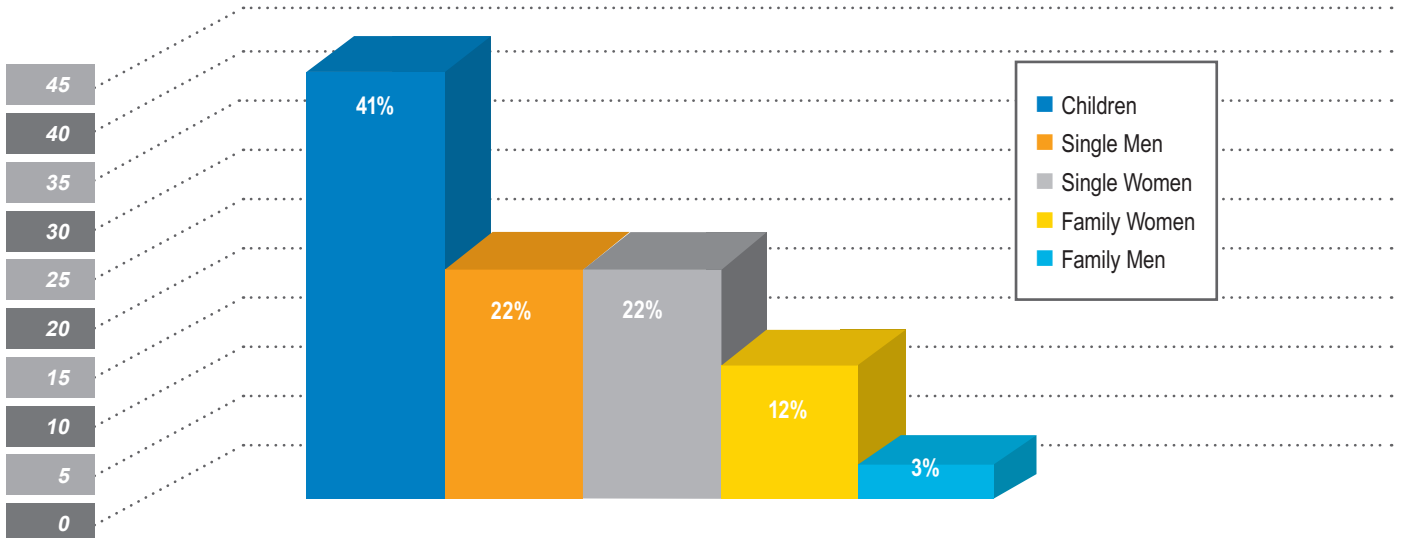
Note: Due to a new software system, Mission Tracker, the number of reported unique guests is more accurate and the length of stay in 2024 was much longer due to the economy and lack of affordable housing for our guests causing the total unique guests served to be lower.

WHERE do our guests come from?

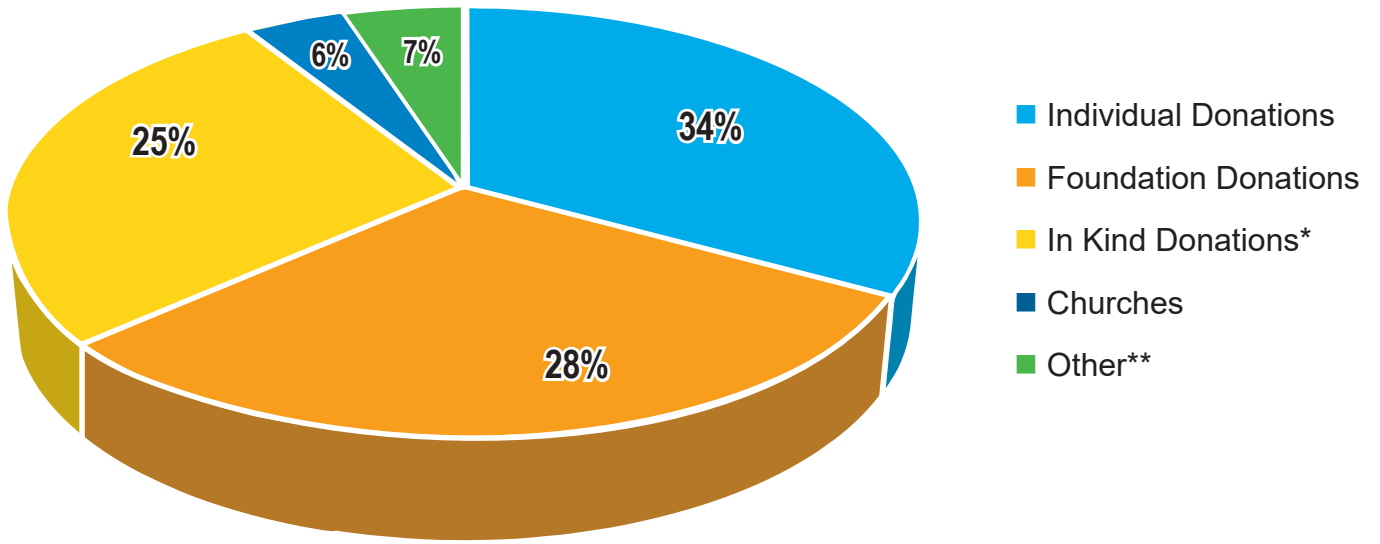


*WA, PA, MS, NC, TN, FL, VA | **Baltimore, St. Mary, Hartford

2024 Census Data



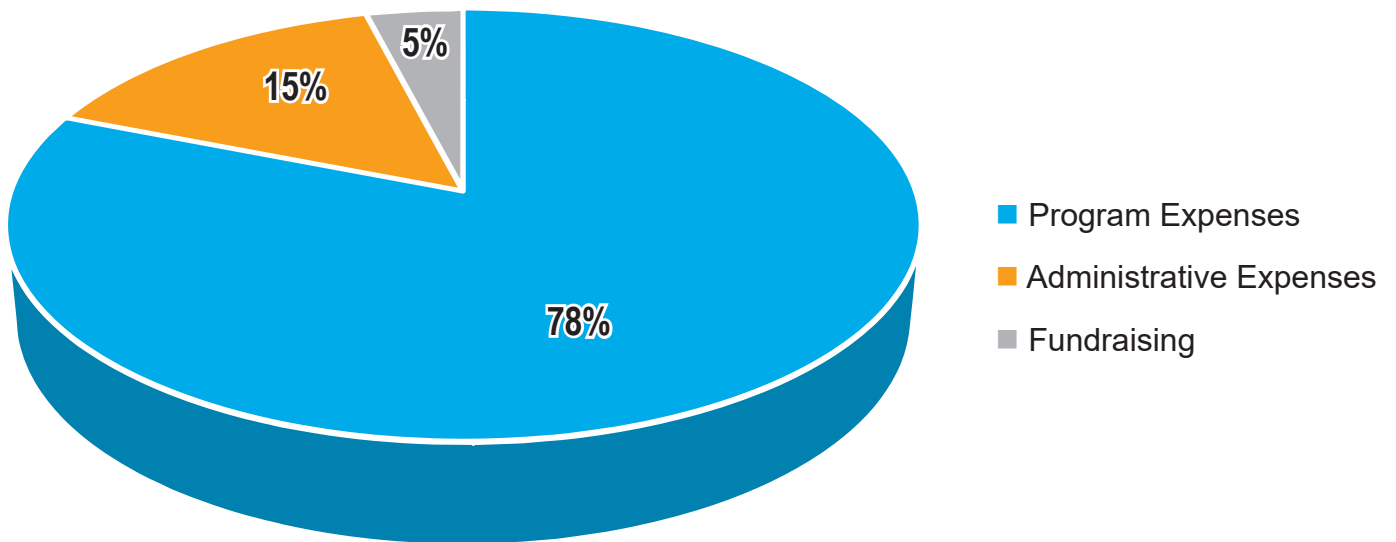
2024 TOTAL INCOME \$939,007.25



* Food, Volunteer Hours, Software.

** Other includes Corporate, Interest, Rental, Estate, Civic.

2024 TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,055,313.00



We need your immediate participation in responding to proposed legislation in the Maryland General Assembly. House Bill 93 (H.B. 93) would create a new state-run system of governing homeless shelters throughout Maryland. The Bill would burden shelters with onerous reporting and compliance requirements. It would also require faith-based shelters to admit anyone who seeks our services, without regard to our Christian principles. In our opinion, H.B. 93 represents a grave threat to our ability to meet the financial costs associated with state-defined compliance. We also believe that the Bill would illegally threaten our right to apply biblical beliefs to the Shelter's operation and decision-making.

H.B. 93 is moving towards a vote in the House of Delegates this summer. We implore you to join in our opposition to this Bill. Please send an email to

any of the local Maryland House Delegates, using the email subject line, **"House Bill 93 – Please Oppose"** In your message, mention the hardship that this Bill would create for all homeless shelters. Also state that you want the Bill to include a religious exemption that would allow a faith-based shelter to operate in a manner that is consistent with its religious beliefs. You can do a Google search to find the email addresses for our local Delegates (includes Barry Beauchamp, Charles Otto, Chris Adams, Wayne Hartman, Sheree Sample-Hughes and Johnny Mautz).

To view the content of this proposed legislation, Google search the phrase: "maryland homeless shelter certification recommendations phase 1" Open the PDF file and review the document, with particular attention to page 26. *Thank you for taking the time to oppose this overreaching legislation!*

First Annual Shelter Picnic *Held in Fall of 2024*



Sister Lori and Guest Justin Lankford with a quilt from a local Mennonite Church.

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Permit No. 94



DAILY NEEDS TOP 12 ITEMS NEEDED

1. Breakfast meats (bacon, scrapple, ham, turkey, hot dogs).
Breakfast cereals in large box sizes.
2. Toilet Paper & Paper Towels.
3. Cold, Flu, Sore throat, Heartburn, and Headache remedies.
4. Bottled Waters (small & large sizes).
5. Small juices for kids' lunches, sliced or unsliced lunch meats.
6. BLEACH, Laundry Detergents, Dryer Sheets and Fabric Softeners.
7. Sliced Cheeses, Grated cheeses (for spaghetti meals).
8. Lysol Disinfecting Sprays/Wipes.
9. Non-Styrofoam, Paper Plates, Cups.
10. Baby care items: Wipes, Pampers, Skin care items.
11. Heavy cord (to tie up bundles of waste cardboard for recycling).
12. Cheese, Sliced Sandwich Meats.

CURRENT NEEDS AS OF: FEBRUARY 2025

Dish Washing Detergents
Baby Wipes
Pampers: Sizes 3 and Up
Mop and Glow
Floor Brooms
Disposable Towel Wipes
Men's and Women's Deodorants

Bath Towels & Wash Cloths
Fresh/Frozen Vegetables
Weed Killer Concentrate
Toilet Bowl Brush Sets
Canned Vegetables and Tuna Fish
Small Hand Sanitizers
Sandwich Bags

Dust Pan/Brush Sets
Household, Spray, Cleaning Supplies
Ground Beef
Cereals
Butter Or Margarine, Pancake Syrup
Pot Scrubbing, Steel Pads
Sugar (White Or Brown)

Note: Financial gifts needed all year round as bills must be paid every month for utilities, maintenance, supplies, staff, repairs, and insurance.

PLEASE consider a financial gift!

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