



Off-Site Volunteer Opportunities

Call Harvester:

Here at St. Vincent de Paul, we receive an average of 200-250 voicemails a day from neighbors requesting information and services. We are in need of volunteers to listen to these voicemails and condense the information into a spreadsheet for our call center staff and volunteers to call back and assist. We are looking for volunteers who are twenty one years old or older and can commit to at least one, three-hour shift a week for an ongoing basis. Background check is required. Due to the nature of this position, it is not eligible for service hour requirements.

Kids' Bags

These are given to kids who are waiting for services with their parents. They could include a small snack (granola bar, fruit snack, etc.) and something to occupy the child (coloring page with crayons, Play-Do, a small toy, etc.).

Recipe Kits

Collect items used to make a specific recipe and put the ingredients in a bag (recipe included) to be given to a neighbor (for example, a bag with a pie crust and pie filling or a bag with beans, tomatoes, spices, and a recipe to make chili).

Host a Drive

Since COVID-19 hit, our neighbors have been requesting more cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. We are in need of these items as well as the items we needed pre-COVID-19. Visit our [website](#) for more information on how to host your own drive!

Birthday Box:

Collect and assemble bags with cake mix, frosting, candles, and whatever other birthday goodies you would like to add for us to share with neighbors celebrating birthdays.

T-Shirt Bags:

Many of our neighbors who visit our food pantry walk or ride the bus. Often times, they leave some of their food behind because they cannot easily carry it home. We are always in need of t-shirts bags (cut and tie bags made from t-shirts) to give out to these neighbors so they can carry all their food home a little easier. Here's an instructional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgpaM3u2zng>. And a step by step guide: <https://mommypotamus.com/no-sew-t-shirt-tote-bag-tutorial/>

Period Packs:

Collect and assemble paper bags containing the average amount of feminine hygiene products (9 tampons & 6 pads) used in one menstrual cycle.

Homelessness Bags:

Collect nonperishable foods (pop top cans, granola bars, sports drinks, etc.) in reusable bags for us to give out to our neighbors who are currently experiencing homelessness and therefore cannot use our other pantry foods that require cooking appliances or refrigeration.

Pantry Food Boxes:

Our choice food pantry has had to transition into a drive up food bank due to COVID-19. To help speed the process up, we are in need of volunteers to help collect and assemble boxes for small and medium size families (we will add meat, dairy, bread, and fresh produce). The items in each box are listed below.

Small Family Box:

- 1 roll toilet paper
- 2 personal care items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- 1 box cereal
- 1 small bottle of detergent (or 6 tide pods)
- 1 can soup
- 5 cans fruit or vegetables
- 1 box mac & cheese
- 1 bag/box of rice
- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 meal in a can (beef stew, beef ravioli, spaghetti with meat sauce, etc.)
- 1 can beans

Medium Family Box:

- 2 rolls toilet paper
- 4 personal care items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- 1 box cereal
- 1 large bottle of detergent (or 16 tide pods)
- 2 cans soup
- 8 cans fruit or vegetables
- 2 boxes mac & cheese
- 1 bag/box of rice
- 1 bag/box pancake mix
- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 can of tuna
- 2 cans of meal in a can (beef stew, beef ravioli, spaghetti with meat sauce, etc.)
- 1 can beans