



'Christmas in July' at the Franciscan Center

Be a ray of hope for our neighbors in need this summer and help us celebrate the holidays a little early — by collecting food, clothing, toiletries and school supplies for the Franciscan Center.

For more than 45 years, the **Franciscan Center** has served as a beacon of hope for the poor and hungry citizens of Baltimore. Our programs provide food, clothing and a range of emergency assistance and supportive outreach that is unique in our community. This year alone, we are on pace to provide:

- More than **110,000** hot, nutritious meals
- More than **8,000** bags of emergency groceries
- Free, seasonally appropriate clothing and toiletries for men, women and children
- Emergency financial assistance with energy bills, medical prescriptions, eviction prevention and transportation

... and so much more!

These programs are made possible through the support of our friends in the community — but as the weather grows warmer, we receive fewer donations. Please help us to help our neighbors in need!

Critical Needs at the Franciscan Center



Food

- Low or no sodium canned vegetables, fruit, and beans
- Low fat powdered milk
- Whole grain pasta
- Brown or wild rice
- Plain or low sugar oatmeal and grits
- Low sodium canned chicken and tuna in water
- Reduced fat peanut butter
- Bottled water
- Olive, canola, or sesame oil

Toiletries

- Soap
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Wash cloths
- Hand towels
- Disposable razors
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Hand sanitizer
- Feminine hygiene products
- Sunscreen
- Baby powder
- Lotion
- Hairbrush or comb

Clothing

(For men, women, and children)

- T-shirts and tank tops
- Shorts
- Socks - *New only*
- Shoes and sandals
- Undergarments - *New only*
- Pants
- Jackets
- Business attire
- Pajamas
- Hats

School Supplies

- Loose leaf paper
- 3 ring binders (2" to 3")
- Pocket folders
- Book bags
- Composition books
- Glue sticks
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencil cases
- Scissors (safety)
- 3x5 index cards
- Crayons
- Large pink erasers
- Tissues
- Subject dividers
- Colored pencils
- Compasses

For more information about the Franciscan Center or how to donate, please contact Angela Hall at (410) 467-5340, Ext. 113 or ahall@fcbmore.org.

