



Warm Nights

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Warm Nights is an interdenominational program in Prince George's County that provides food and shelter to about 150 homeless adults & children. SPX has assisted in many ways throughout the years. This year, we are being asked to provide bag breakfasts and lunches, as well as food items and toiletries. We also collect funds that can be used to provide transportation services and to cover other shelter needs.

There are several opportunities for you or your group to get involved!

1. Volunteer to be a Day Coordinator.

Each day during Warm Nights, one individual is assigned to be the Day Coordinator. He / she will be given the contact information for about 8 to 10 people who have agreed to deliver a specific number of breakfast or lunch bags to the Day Coordinators' home at 9 am on their chosen day. The Day Coordinator will 1) remind the team of the delivery date, time and drop off location in advance and 2) deliver the bags to the Shelter in Beltsville, MD by 10 am on that day.

2. Prepare bag breakfasts or lunches.

We will be providing 50 bag breakfasts and 100 bag lunches each day. Our SPX weeks to provide breakfast and lunches is Sunday, February 22nd – Saturday, March 7th. If you would like to volunteer to help provide bag breakfasts or lunches, please contact Sally Hein with the number of breakfasts or lunches you would like to provide (multiples of 10 only – 10, 20, 30, etc.) and your preferred drop-off date. You will be contacted by the Day Coordinator with a drop-off time and location here in Bowie. Please do not bring bag breakfasts or lunches to the church. Drop-offs will be each morning at 9 am. Instructions for preparing breakfast and lunch contents are included on this flyer.

3. Donate non-perishable food & other necessary items.

Items needed by Warm Nights will be collected on the weekends of Jan. 31/Feb. 1, Feb. 7/8 & Feb. 14/15. Donated items may be left in the Church Entranceway after all Masses. A list of needed items is included.

4. Contribute funds.

Funds are needed to purchase vouchers/gift cards for transportation partners (Metro, Uber, Lyft) for use in getting shelter guests to school, work, medical appointments, job interviews, etc. Funds may also be used to purchase additional needed items. Funds will also be used for the Easter Basket Program.

Donations can be made through ParishSoft Giving at spxbowie.org/warmnights, mailed or brought to the Rectory Office (3300 Moreland Place, Bowie MD 20715) or placed in an envelope marked 'Warm Nights' in the offertory basket at Mass no later than Sunday, February 15th. Please make checks payable to St. Pius X Church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PURCHASE

FOOD ITEMS

- Juice boxes/bottles (e.g. Snapple, Apple, orange, etc.)
- Bottled water
- Gatorade
- Cereal- Individual sized boxes/cups (oatmeal is okay)
- Snack items- individually wrapped chips, cookies, pastries, crackers, etc.
- Fruit cups
- Cup-o-noodles
- Misc. canned (with pop top lids) - soups, tuna, chicken, pasta, etc.

PAPER PRODUCTS

- Ziplock bags (sandwich and gallon)
- Paper plates (large and small)
- Paper bowls (large and small)

BABY ITEMS

- Diapers (sizes 4,5,6 preferred)
- Pull-ups (3T,4T,5T& 6T)
- Wipes

CLEANING PRODUCTS

- Laundry detergent (pods preferred)
- Fabric softener
- Bleach
- Dryer sheets

TOILETRIES (full size)

- Toothpaste (adults & kids)
- Toothbrushes (adults & kids)
- Flossing items (adults and kids)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bar soap & body wash
- Hand soap
- Deodorant (men and women)

GIFT CARDS

- Groceries (\$25- Giant is near-by)
- Fast Food (\$10 - McDonalds, KFC, Taco Bell and Wendy's are near-by)
- Clothing/misc.(\$25- Target, Kohls, CVS , Walmart, etc.)
- Transportation (\$25 - Uber/Lyft/Metro or gas card)

BAGGED BREAKFASTS & LUNCHES

Multiples of 10 – we need 50 breakfasts and 100 lunches each day!

Each Bag Breakfast should include

- Beverages - 1 Water and 1 juice per bag
- Container of yogurt - with spoon
- Fresh fruit (banana, orange, grapes or similar) or fruit cup – please include a spoon if a fruit cup is provided
- Bagel/Sweet Roll/donut or similar (Must be commercially packaged)
- Small box of cereal
- Napkins

Each Bag Lunch should include

- Beverages - 1 Water and 1 Soda/Gatorade/similar per bag
- Hearty sandwich (lunchmeat with or without cheese preferred, a few PB&J okay)
- No condiments please!
- Fresh fruit (apples, oranges, etc.) or a fruit cup – please include a spoon if a cup
- Bag of Chips (must be commercially packed)
- Cookies (or other sweet treat– must be commercially packed)
- Napkins

BAG PACKING

Please pack all breakfast and lunch items– except for the cold items (sandwich and/or yogurt) - in a plastic zip-lock bag (gallon). All sandwiches/yogurts should be packed together in a separate box, not with the other items in the zip-lock bag. Each sandwich should be individually wrapped and labeled with sandwich type (Ham & cheese, Turkey & swiss, etc.) Taping an index card to the sandwich works well.