

Youth Group Volunteer Opportunities

Founded in 1947, **Interfaith Social Services** is dedicated to improving life for South Shore families and individuals in need. Our unique approach relies on a team of volunteers, donors and community partners to deliver compassionate, client-centered programs focused on hunger, mental health and financial assistance.

We have several ways that your youth group can volunteer for us:

<u>Food Drive:</u> Collect nonperishable food items for our food pantry. Here is a list of items we need most: https://bit.ly/IFSSfooddrive or do a themed drive like "peanut butter & jelly" or kids' snack items.

<u>Diaper Drive</u>: Collect packages of diapers and unscented wipes for the children of our food pantry clients. We are especially in need of larger sizes (Size 4, 5 or 6): https://interfaithsocialservices.org/diapers/

<u>Personal Care Kits:</u> Our clients are also in need of personal care products. Organize a "personal care product drive" and collect enough soap, shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant, etc. for each kit (full-size items). Here is a list of items we need most: http://bit.ly/ISShygiene

<u>Seasonal Drives:</u> Help us spread joy to our youngest clients by collecting items for one of our seasonal drives. Contact our Assistant Food Pantry Manager Leslie Wittmann at leslie@interfaithsocialservices.org for a list of specific items for each drive.

- Bunny Baskets (Spring) Collect supplies (plastic eggs, candy, small toys) for our annual basket assembly.
- Backpacks (Summer) Collect backpacks and school supplies.
- Halloween costumes (September) Collect new Halloween costumes and accessories.
- Holiday gifts (November) Run a toy drive or "adopt" children for the holidays.

<u>Children's Book Drive:</u> In our food pantry we try to nourish the mind as well as the body! We provide books for the children of our food pantry clients on every visit when available: https://interfaithsocialservices.org/childrensbooks/

<u>Birthday Party in a Box:</u> Our food pantry clients are delighted to receive these boxes filled with everything needed for a small birthday party for their children. Here are instructions for assembly: http://bit.ly/ISSbirthday

<u>Plant.Grow.Share:</u> Plant a vegetable garden and bring your harvest to the food pantry. A limited number of tomato seedlings are available in May or procure your own.

<u>Reusable Bags:</u> Our food pantry is always in need of reusable bags for packing grocery orders. Run a drive for gently used or new reusable shopping bags.

Questions? Contact us at info@interfaithsocialservices.org Items can be delivered during business hours (Monday-Friday 9am-3:30pm until 7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

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