

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. Your group can run a drive for children's books: https://interfaithsocialservices.org/childrensbooks/

<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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