



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:

Food Drive: Collect nonperishable food items for our food pantry. Here is a list of items we need most: <http://bit.ly/ISSfooddrive>

Diaper Drive: Collect packages of diapers for the children of our food pantry clients. We are especially in need of larger sizes (Size 4, 5 or 6).

Personal Care Kits: 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 preferred). Here is a list of items we need most: <http://bit.ly/ISShygienesdrive>

Seasonal Drives: Help us spread joy to our youngest clients by collecting items for one of our seasonal drives. Contact our Family and Children Program Coordinator Emily Ryan at eryan@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.

Children’s Book Drive: In our food pantry we try to nourish the mind as well as the body! We provide a shelf of children’s books for clients in our food pantry waiting room and are always in need of gently used books to replenish it.

Birthday Party in a Box: 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>

Plant.Grow.Share: 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.

Reusable Bags: 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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