Enclosed is a list of volunteer projects you can complete at home with your family or at work with your colleagues. Please contact, Tom Golembeck, Volunteer Coordinator, at tgolembeck@peopleservingpeople.org or 612.277.0216 to arrange a drop-off the donations.

Please feel free to send photos of your project to Tom for inclusion in our newsletter and social media outreach.

These donation items are needed year round. We also have some seasonal options. Please contact Tom about school supplies, winter clothing and other seasonal needs.
People Serving People spends about $21,000 annually ($1,700 each month) to provide diapers and nutritious meals for infants and toddlers. Our staff and volunteers distribute about 24 canisters of formula each week and 16,950 diapers per month.

Maximum amount to donate:
Unlimited

ITEMS NEEDED

DIAPERS
Sizes 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups 2T-3T 4T-5T*

FORMULA
Similac Advance
Formula must be at least two months prior to the expiration date.

*People Serving People does not accept cloth diapers.
Baby Wipes

Baby wipes are necessary for daily cleanliness. When creating wipe packs, it is important that all packs have the same amount of wipes and are prepared neatly. We want to distribute them equally and equitably.

Instructions:
- Use first wipe to clean work space and sterilize hands
- Take a wipe from bulk stack
- Fold the wipe in half
- Take a second wipe from packet, fold, and place neatly on top of previous wipe
- Repeat until there are 6 wipes in your stack
- Place the 6 stacked wipes neatly in a Ziploc bag
- Press out any excess air and seal the bag

Maximum amount to donate: 200

ITEMS NEEDED

Baby Wipes*

Ziploc Bags

*People Serving People does not accept reusable/washable cloths
Infant Care Kits

Help families with infants by creating infant care kits. Items must be Safety 1st brand.

Maximum amount to donate: 30 kits

ITEMS NEEDED
- Safety 1st brand Nursery Thermometer
- Safety 1st brand Easy Brush
- Safety 1st brand Hospitals Choice Clippers
- Safety 1st brand Oral Care
- Portable waterproof clear cosmetic bag
Potty Training Kit

Potty Training can be stressful for the parents as well as the child. With these “potty training kits”, we can equip parents with the right tools to help make this transition go as smooth as possible.

Maximum amount to donate: 20

ITEMS NEEDED

1– Potty seat that can go on a regular toilet
5– Pull-ups (see sizing information below)
5– Pack of underwear (see sizing information below)
1 Potty book
(POTTY by Leslie Patricelli, A Potty For Me! by Karen Katz, Everyone Poops by Taro Gomi, Once Upon A Potty by Alona Frankel, Where's the Poop? by Julie Markes)

DIRECTIONS

1. Place all items in a reusable bag/tote
2. We need the following sizes:
   Boys– 2T/3T and 3T/4T | Girls 2T/3T and 3T/4T | Gender Neutral 2T/3T and 3T/4T
3. Label each bag with a note card that includes which size and gender items are in the bag and on the other side write a one line positive affirmation to the child. Examples: “Way to go!” “Good Luck with Potty Training!” “You’re a big kid now!” “You can do it!”
People Serving People distributes free books onsite through our library. Our main goals are to encourage parents to read to young children and to cultivate a life-long habit of reading among teens. Please consider donating new or gently used books your children no longer need or organizing a book drive at your workplace.

ITEMS NEEDED

Baby Board Books

K-3rd grade easy readers

Teen books

All books should be new or gently used.
Tie Blankets

People Serving People provides blankets to families as part of a move-out basket when they find housing in the community. Please consider hosting a blanket making party at your home or workplace to help formerly homeless families settle into their new homes.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. **Select your fleece blankets.** Use two different fleece patterns, two solid patterns, or two patterned fleece.

2. **Purchase anywhere from 1.5 to 3 yards of each fleece.** 1.5 yards makes a throw size, 2.5-3 yards makes a nice twin size blanket.

3. **Spread out the material.** Spread it out so that the softer or more brightly colored sides face out.

4. **Cut out a rectangle from both corners with a pair of scissors.** Use a card that has been cut to 3” X 5”

5. **Start cutting strips.** Cut strips of approximately 1 inch from each corner down the end and the sides for as long as the material lies flat.

6. **Tie the corner strips together.** Using a simple knot, attach the bottom layer to the top layer.

7. **Tie the strips down each side for the length of the blanket.**
Many families arrive at our shelter without hygiene supplies. Our staff and volunteers distribute donated personal care products to help families adjust to their new situation. Maximum amount to donate: 100

ITEMS NEEDED

Full Size of the following items:

- Soap
- Lotion
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Comb or Brush

Please place all items in a reusable or large Ziploc bag.
Pregnancy Snack Pack

People Serving People offers 3 healthy meals to families in shelter, but often our Pregnant Mothers need a snack between meals. Please help us provide healthy pregnancy snacks and juice to expecting mothers in between the meals.

**Maximum amount to donate: 150**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

Juice box (apple or grape juice preferred)

Poptart, granola or snack bar

Please place all items in a ziplock bag and include a note of encouragement.
When guests at People Serving People obtain employment, the staff help them to prepare for their new position. We help them obtain uniforms, transportation and childcare. Please help us make their first day at work less stressful by providing a day’s transportation, a snack, and a free lunch. **Maximum amount to donate: 25**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- $7 Subway gift card
- Granola or snack bar

**Bus Token—** People Serving People is able to purchase bus tokens at a discounted rate. We are able to supply bus tokens or can add them to packs at a later date.

Please place all items in a ziplock bag and include a note of encouragement.
Ready for Work

After assisting with job applications, the Employment Advocates at People Serving People help parents prepare for interviews. We provide professional clothing, interview advice and tokens. Please help us provide parents with all they need to make a great first impression at their job interview.

Maximum amount to donate: 50

ITEMS NEEDED

- Padfolio that fits 8.5” X 11” notepad
- 8.5” X 11” Notepad for padfolio
- Planner
- 2–Pens

Please place all items in a bag. Include a note of encouragement.
People Serving People offers a free laundry room and distributes detergent to families at our front desk. Please help us provide the supplies parents experiencing homelessness need to clean their children’s clothing. **Maximum amount to donate: 25 crates**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

**HE Liquid Detergent**

Separate into three oz. single load portion cups with lids.

We accept high efficiency liquid detergent and can provide cups and lids if needed.
People Serving People offers a free laundry room and distributes dryer sheets. Please help us provide the supplies parents experiencing homelessness need to clean their children’s clothing. **Maximum amount to donate: 150 packets**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

**Dryer Sheets**

4 dryer sheets neatly folded and placed in Ziploc bag.

We accept high efficiency liquid detergent and can provide cups and lids if needed.
Move Out Baskets

Our shelter offers baskets of basic necessities and move-in supplies. Please support this effort by donating supplies to make a family feel right at home.

Maximum amount to donate: 50

ITEMS NEEDED

- Laundry Basket
- Air bed
- Trash Bags
- Dish Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex

Cleaning Supplies (window cleaner, surface cleaner, dish soap, sponges)
Children in our childcare programs will enjoy a nutritional breakfast. People Serving People will supply the milk.

**Maximum amount to donate: 150**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- Fruit Cup
- Small cereal (low sugar preferred)