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 time for 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 11,700 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 Powder
Formula must be at least two months prior to the expiration date.

*People Serving People does not accept cloth diapers.
Baby Wipe Packets

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.

Maximum amount to donate: 200

ITEMS NEEDED

- Baby Wipes
- Ziploc Bags

*People Serving People does not accept reusable/washable cloths

DIRECTIONS

- 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
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 Hospitals
- Choice Clippers
- Portable waterproof clear cosmetic bag
- Safety 1st brand Easy Brush
- Safety 1st brand Nursery Thermometer
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 book nooks. 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.
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.
People Serving People offers 3 healthy meals to families in shelter daily, 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.
1st Day of Work

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.
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

*All items must be new*

**REQUIRED ITEMS**

- Laundry Basket
- Trash Bags
- Paper Towels
- Dish Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Ziploc Bags
- Cleaning Supplies (window cleaner, surface cleaner, dish soap, Comet, sponges)

**OPTIONAL ITEMS**

- Hygiene Products
  - Air Bed
- Pots and Pans, Dishware and Silverware
  - Re-useable Bags
- Laundry Detergent
  - Lightbulbs
- Measuring Cups
- First Aid Kit
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner and Brush
  - Shower Curtain
Breakfast Packs

Children in our childcare programs will enjoy a nutritional breakfast. People Serving People will supply the milk.

Maximum amount to donate: 200

ITEMS NEEDED

1 Single Serving Cereal Box (Cheerios, Kix, Wheaties or Cornflakes)

1 Fruit Cup

1 Disposable Spoon