Our In-Kind Giving Policy

Making an in-kind gift can be a wonderful way to support the families at our shelter! **While we appreciate your consideration, in the interest of both our families and staff, we primarily accept donations of new, unused items. If you are interested in donating used items, you must clear this with our Development Team prior to your arrival.** Used items that are not cleared will be turned down at the door.

In-kind support is extremely valuable. That is why we must set boundaries on what donations we can and cannot accept so your generosity can have the most impact.

Over the years, well-intentioned community members have treated our shelter like a thrift store; Donating old clothing, worn-out shoes, discarded household items, and travel-sized toiletries. We simply do not have the storage space or staff capacity to manage all these used goods.

Additionally, donations of used goods have often sat unused in people's closets - exposed to dust, animal dander, and bugs. In a communal living setting like a shelter, health and cleanliness is a top priority. We ask for new items because we are unable to properly sanitize used goods. This allows us to preserve both the dignity and well-being of our guests.

Families stay with us for as long as they need. Because of this, PSP requires versatile, long-lasting items to do our work effectively. **We have a list of our most-needed in-kind items on our website. You can scan the QR code below to access this list!** We also encourage you to follow us on social media, where we frequently post about our donation drives and specific in-kind needs. Thank you for your support!

If you have items to donate that aren't a good fit for People Serving People, don't fret! Used clothes, travel-sized toiletries, single pairs of socks and underwear, and individually packaged kits are more useful to other organizations that provide outreach to those experiencing housing instability. **Scan the QR code below to see a list of community partners that may be interested in your items.**