



Host a Donation Drive

Donation Drive Overview

Sarah's Circle appreciates donations of items that we can offer to women on a daily basis. Many donations received are used quickly and need to be replenished often. At certain times of the year there is a higher demand for specific items. If your group would like to host a donation drive on our behalf it is important to let us know so we can coordinate the donations being collected. Page 2 is a flier that can be used to communicate what items we are accepting. This we change seasonally, so if your flier does not reflect the current season, please contact Sarah's Circle staff for an updated document.

Donations of essential items help us address individual's immediate needs by providing life sustaining resources. Sarah's Circle prefers to accept donations between Monday and Friday from 9 am – 4 pm. **Please review all material prior to collecting items on our behalf. Thank you!**

Items that Sarah's Circle Does Not Accept

Since we have limited storage space, **Sarah's Circle does not accept furniture or large household items**. Sarah's Circle **does not accept clothing donations** unless specifically solicited for a special purpose (i.e. annual coat drive).

How Items are Used

The Daytime Support Center of Sarah's Circle provides life necessities and supportive services for women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. Women come to our Daytime Center for a variety of reasons and are able to access the resources available to them. The staff provides a safe and welcoming environment. Donations of essential items provide a tremendous amount of support and enable Sarah's Circle to better meet the needs of the women at the Daytime Center. All items are made available to the women and are often utilized quickly for a women in need.

Dropping off Items

Items collected for Sarah's Circle should be dropped off at the Daytime Support Center at **4838 N Sheridan Road**. We prefer to accept items Monday-Friday from 9 am – 4 pm. If you are providing a larger amount of donations (20 pounds or more), **please call to schedule a drop-off**. If coming in by yourself, you can pull your vehicle in front of our location and will have to buzz-in at the front door.

Please schedule to drop off larger collections of items with the Volunteer Coordinator, Dakota Chisholm. She can be reached at 773.751.7454 or dchisholm@sarahs-circle.org.

Thank you for supporting Sarah's Circle!



Donate Essential Items to Women in Need!

Mission

Sarah's Circle is a non-profit organization with a mission of serving women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. Located in Chicago's Uptown Community, Sarah's Circle has provided support for thousands of women since 1979.

Items that Sarah's Circle Accepts: Winter

Items Currently in High Demand:

- New Underwear****currently in very high demand*
- Gently used backpacks or tote bags
- Adult Diapers for Women (sizes L, XL)
- New Socks (sizes L, XL)
- Journals/Notebooks
- Wide Tooth Combs
- Hair Oil
- Baby Powder
- Lotion (travel size)
- Small Rubber Hair Bands
- Folding Personal Use Shopping Carts (with wheels)
- Ventra Cards (single use or 1,3, or 7 day passes)
- Deodorant
- Conditioner (travel size)
- Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, or Aspirin
- Disposable Razors
- Fish Oil and other vitamin supplements
 - Cough Drops and Cold Medicine
- Ear Plugs and Headphones
- Nail Clippers/Files

Items that Need are Needed Regularly:

- Instant Coffee and Tea Bags (caffeinated and decaffeinated are both appreciated)
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- New Bath Towels
- New or slightly used backpacks or tote bags
- Chapstick
- New twin size bed sheets/linens
- Soap/Body wash (travel size)
- Unused Cosmetics
- Nail Polish and Remover
- Umbrellas
- Plastic rain caps and plastic rain ponchos

Art Supplies:

- Complete sheets/rolls of fabric for making clothing
- Acrylic color paint sets in boxes, such as 5 color sets
- Beading Materials: glass beads, metal or metallic beads, wooden beads,
- Wooden enclosed containers for home projects, such as birdhouses
- Art Books featuring 19th and 20th century artists
- Colorful Yarns and crochet hooks

ENCOURAGING
WOMEN to
empower themselves.

