



The York County Coalition on Homelessness has had requests for the best way to support our homeless populations this winter. We always encourage outreach to community providers, as they all have wish lists and needs to help support this population. The Coalition can connect you, if you need assistance.

Below are a handful of the needs identified specifically for the 2020-2021 Winter Season. These needs are partly related to COVID-19, but also simply related to the fact that it gets cold in York County! If you have questions, or your donation requires pick-up or drop-off scheduling, do not hesitate to reach out to yorkcountycyh@ycpc.org

1. **Sanitation Stations ('Portable Toilets') Donations** – With businesses and service providers still limiting access to their stores and offices, many of our homeless populations have less access to restroom facilities. The Coalition has worked with community partners to provide sanitation stations since March of 2020, to provide other restroom options. Each unit costs approximately \$300 per month.

The Coalition is working with Friends & Neighbors of PA and LifePath Christian Ministries on this project. If you are interested in a donation towards that cost, please contact:

Susan Workinger

LifePath Christian Ministries

sworkinger@lifepathyork.org

(717) 845-7662 ext: 1301

2. **Street Outreach Amazon Wish List:** These items can be purchased from Amazon and shipped directly to the York County Planning Commission for distribution (please make sure you check the Planning Commission address before shipping!). **This wish list includes very specific gear, identified as being the best quality for the best price.** These items are primarily focused on ways to keep people who are outdoors safe through the winter months.

The Wish List can be found here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3MFDWO25P4SWL/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

If you would like to purchase these items elsewhere, please ship to:

Kelly Blechertas

c/o York County Planning Commission

28 East Market Street, 3rd Floor

York, PA 17401

The Coalition is working with Friends & Neighbors of PA on this project. F&N has an opportunity to donate monetarily to this project on their website: <https://friendsandneighborsofpa.org/outreach/>

For questions, please contact:

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3. **Blessing Bags:** These bags provide necessities to those living unsheltered or coming into Code Blue Shelter for respite from the cold weather. Code Blue Shelter provides additional shelter space during winter months, to ensure even those living outside have the option to come indoors when the weather is bad.

Our ideal blessing bags include the following. You can provide the bags intact, or provide the supplies:

- Hand towel
- Wash cloth
- Comb
- Bar of soap - small zip lock bag for soap once it's opened
- Hand and feet warmers (hot hands)

- Socks (cotton)
- Toothbrush
- Bottle of water (12-16.9 oz.)
- Chapstick

Travel/Individual size of the following:

- Hand sanitizer
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Body lotion

Small first aid kits (or alternately, items listed below packed into individual kits)

- Cotton balls
- Q-Tips
- Band-Aids
- Neosporin

Donated separately from the kits:

- Feminine hygiene products (please ensure they are individually wrapped inside the main packaging for easier distribution)

4. **Code Blue/ Day Shelter Supplies:** Code Blue Shelter provides additional shelter space during cold weather months. These shelters ‘borrow’ space from existing organizations such as churches to provide this service, and are in need of supplies to help support those individuals coming inside to sleep in their spaces or come in during the day to warm up.

- **New** 100% cotton blankets, twin size (approx. 65”x90”)
- **New** twin size (approx. 72”x102”) flat sheets, solid colors only, no flannel sheets

All items should be shelf-stable and not refrigerated, etc.

- Individually pre-packaged breakfast items (**soft items:** muffins, cereal bars, granola bars, pop tarts, etc.)
- Grab and go drink bottles (juice, water, shelf-stable milk cartons, etc.)
- Individual-sized bottled water (usually 12-16.9 oz. bottles in a pack)
- Individually prepackaged snacks (peanut butter crackers, granola bars, beef jerky packs, tuna or chicken salad snack kits, soft energy bars, soft protein bars, individual-sized chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)

5. **Code Blue Clothing Bags:** These bags help us provide self-contained sets of clothing and other necessary items to those coming into shelter overnight who need a clean change of clothes to sleep in. Please consider all sizing – including ‘plus’ sizes. Each “set” of clothing will fit in a 2 gallon Ziploc bag. You can also provide the items below and we will bag them!

- New scrubs – top and bottom set – all sizes
- New sweatshirt and sweatpants – top and bottom set – all sizes
- Underwear – men’s and women’s – all sizes
- Socks – cotton, all sizes
- Women’s sports bras – all sizes

