

Good Samaritan Mission Collection

Dear Parish Family,

Did you know that the Good Samaritan Ministry, with your help, has been providing the needy of the South Bound Brook area with toiletries and clothing since 2002? Not even close to the Parish's Centennial mark, but quite impressive none the less! Our runs have continued at twice a month (weather permitting – no dare devils in this group!) and coincide with the Wednesday soup kitchen run by the South Bound Brook Reformed Church. With any where from 25 to 60 people in attendance for each of our visits, the Good Samaritan Ministry attempts to provide the items not covered by food stamps; i.e. toothpaste, shampoo, etc., as well as seasonal clothing. We have also attempted to include Deacon Tom's Prison Ministry and the Ozanum Men's Shelter in our distributions when able.

As you can imagine, the increasing number of needy has taken a toll on our supplies. The fundraisers we hold help offset our costs, but do not come close to providing all that we need to continue our program. We understand that most of you are not able to physically assist in our visits "down the hill." However, if you can find it in your hearts and wallets to help provide the items and financial support this ministry requires to continue, it is always appreciated. The list of items needed includes:

- Men's T-shirts – M, L, XL
- Men's briefs or boxers – S, M, L
- Women's panties – M, L
- Men's and Women's warm socks
- Toilet paper (individually wrapped preferred)
- 2-in-1 shampoo & conditioner (full size)
- Shaving cream (full size)
- Toothpaste (full size)
- Deodorant (full size)

Please place all donations in the Good Samaritan bins located at the bottom of the two stairwells. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation in lieu of purchasing items should make the check payable to:

OLM – Good Samaritan Ministry

As always, your gifts are greatly appreciated by the needy who benefit from your generosity. If you should have any questions concerning donations or involvement in the Good Samaritan Ministry, please contact Karen MacNaul at (908) 757-9891 or at klmacnaul@verizon.net.

As mentioned above, the Good Samaritan Ministry makes regular visits to South Bound Brook twice a month, meeting at the Chapel at 4:15 PM to load supplies and returning at approximately 6:15 PM. If you decide that you're able to assist on mission runs, your involvement would be scheduled according to your availability. For further information on how you can become a part of this mission, please contact Kathy Dubois at (908)580-9736 or duboisgkj@yahoo.com