



Outreach DIY Serving

Organization: Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Center

Project: Welcome Baskets

IMPACT

In 2019, the federal poverty guideline for a family of four was 25,750 dollars. The average cost of basic needs, with childcare, for a family of four in St. Charles County was roughly 33,000 dollars. A full time job at minimum wage of 8.60/hr earned only 17,888 dollars. ([Source: Coordinated Entry Data Sheet](#)). Imagine the stress of working full time and not being able to provide for your family's basic needs.

[Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Center](#)'s mission is to serve those in crisis and to prevent homelessness and hunger. Their transitional housing provides a comfortable place to live while allowing families to address the root causes of their situation and return to a life of self-reliance and stability. Donating welcome baskets with needed items furthers the mission by allowing people to focus their limited resources in ways that regain financial footing and security.

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: In order to make an impact, it's important to understand the need. Using the links above, take a few minutes to learn about housing in St. Charles County and how Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Center serves the community.

Step 2: Now that we see the need, [let's check out what the Bible says](#).

Step 3: Register your participation [here](#) so we can measure the collective impact on our city.

Step 4: Decide/discuss which items you will collect/purchase and how you will do so. Feel free to invite others (neighbors, co-workers, small group, etc.) to donate as well.

Basket Ideas

Staple Food Basket: flour, sugar, all condiments, salt, pepper, etc.

Cleaning Basket: for kitchen, home, and bath

Comfort Basket: pillows, sheets, blankets, and nice fresh spray

Bathroom Basket: shower curtain, rugs, rings, liner, small waste can, tooth brush holder, toilet paper, toiletries.

Family Night: movies, popcorn, games, and family devotional books

Step 5: Gather your items and spend some time praying for people who will be receiving your items; ask God for restored dignity and peace, stability of basic needs, relationships that bring life! Pray for Vicki, Sts. Joachim & Ann Housing Supervisor, and the rest of the staff as they care for and coach people in need of stable housing.

Step 6: Donations can be dropped off at the address below Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

FUN IDEAS

- Build in time for some local fun after you drop your items off! Head over to Plank Road Pizza for some lunch or to Clementine's Naughty and Nice Ice Cream for a sweet treat!
- Take pictures and post them to social media using #forthelou.