

# WEST DES MOINES HUMAN SERVICES

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## Collection Drive Ideas

### **Personal Care Drive**

WDM Human Services' Food and Personal Pantry assists approximately 350 low-income households per month with personal care items. Organize a drive to collect personal care items for households in need including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent, diapers, wipes, toilet paper, etc.

### **Socks & Underwear Drive**

Collect new socks and underwear for children and adults.

### **Baby Supply Drive**

Organize a "baby shower" to collect items needed for a baby: diapers, wipes, blankets, baby thermometers, baby clothing, diaper pails, baby bathtub, bottles, bath soap, baby lotion, baby fingernail clippers, feeding supplies, bibs, pacifier, baby bath towel and washcloth, etc.

### **Housewares Drive**

Organize a drive to collect gently-used or new household items for the Clothing Closet including sheets, blankets, towels, lamps, kitchen items, small appliances (blenders, toasters, coffee pots, etc.).

### **Winter Apparel Drive**

Organize a drive to collect gently-used or new winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, scarves and boots for all ages. Having a drive early in the season would really help!

### **School Supply Drive**

Organize a drive to collect new school supplies for August distribution to low-income households. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the distribution in mid-August.

### **Toy Drive**

Organize a drive to collect new, unwrapped toys (or teen gifts) for December distribution to low-income households.

### **Clothing Drive**

Organize a drive to collect gently-used clothing and shoes for all ages.

### **Contact for Volunteer Opportunities:**

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