

Friends of Unity

FRIENDS OF UNITY – 2021 CHARITABLE GIVING UPDATE

Our members continue their generous support of local charities. The most vulnerable in our community are even more so as the COVID pandemic persists.

NORTHVILLE CIVIC CONCERN: We are maintaining our support of this agency with non-perishable food donations. Most-requested items are oatmeal, non-sugar cereal, nutrition bars and canned fruit. Drop offs M – F, 9:00 – 1:00 at 43275 Seven Mile Rd. Call first: (248) 344-1033.

SONG AND SPIRIT: We are shifting our support to this interfaith agency which serves the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. Most-requested items are warm clothing, especially gently used men's coats and "Carepax." Warm clothes are needed through May and Carepax year-round.

CAREPAX: Carepax are gallon size Zip lock bags with essentials for people living on the streets. We can donate fully assembled Carepax or individual items to go into Carepax that will be assembled by Song and Spirit. Contents include warm clothes (gloves, hats, socks, hand and toe warmers), toiletries (soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, small size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, Chapstick), hand sanitizer, COVID mask, Dollar store rain poncho.

WARM CLOTHES: Our talented knitters are encouraged to make more hats. Gently used sweaters and coats, especially men's coats are high-demand items. Song and Spirit has given us instructions for making fleece hats and blankets. Anyone interested can contact Anne Marie Brady at (248) 478-1586.

COLLECTION OF ITEMS: We will have a monthly collection in the parking lot of the PCAC on the second Sunday from 2:00 – 3:00. First collection will be Sun, Feb. 14th. Items can also be dropped off anytime to a bin that will be on the Erzen's porch (46461 Arboretum, Plymouth). Flossie and Phil Erzen: (734) 454-0015. Both collections will be ongoing, until further notice. We can also pass out Carepax on our own to homeless people we may encounter while driving around town. Please include separate sheet entitled Services Available in Metro Detroit/Carepax Resource Directory.

BUYING IN BULK: If you would like to purchase items in bulk from Amazon or another seller and have them mailed directly to Song and Spirit: Mary Gilhuly, 13740 Sherwood, Oak Park, MI 48327.

For any questions, contact Mickey Eldridge (248) 408-8743 or Anne Marie Brady (248) 478-1586.