

DONATION DRIVE "Recipe" Book

Creative Ideas for Giving Back Together



**WATER STREET
MISSION**

Restored to
be Restorers



Our work seeks to provide an environment where God can engage in a restoration process in the hundreds of lives served every day.

We address aspects of poverty beyond homelessness as we work to create healing communities where lives are transformed.

This guide shares some of the creative activities our families, youth, and various community partners are doing to give back together.

We invite you to try out the “recipes” or share your own ideas or favorite giving traditions with us.



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Go Mobile

Host a Go Mobile Donation Drive to help our guests take their next steps!



FOR DRIVES IN:

January
February
March

IDEAL “RECIPE” FOR:

Any group
Any size

DONATION REQUESTS:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks
<i>New or gently used</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes
<i>new only, please</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suitcases
<i>new or gently used</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Canes |

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2 Plan your **Go Mobile** Water Street Drive (start date, end date, goal)
- 3 Set up a drop-off location at your organization, business, church, school, etc.
Set up bins for donated items.
- 4 Advertise and promote your drive. Encourage everyone to spread the word and support you.
- 5 Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6 Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Dignity Drive

Our goal is for each Water Street guest to feel valued and to be treated with dignity. Host a Dignity Drive to help meet our guests' personal care needs.



FOR DRIVES IN:

March
April
May

IDEAL "RECIPE" FOR:

Any group
Any size

DONATION REQUESTS:

☐ Underwear

New only, please

☐ Hand Soap

☐ Men's & Women's Razors

☐ Men's Undershirts

New only, please

☐ Body Wash

☐ Women's Shaving Cream

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2 Plan your **Dignity** Water Street Drive (start date, end date, goal)
- 3 Set up a drop-off location at your organization, business, church, school, etc.
Set up bins for donated items.
- 4 Advertise and promote your drive. Encourage everyone to spread the word and support you.
- 5 Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6 Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Back To School

Help launch our kids into a successful school year by hosting a Back to School Drive!



FOR DRIVES IN:

June
July
August

IDEAL “RECIPE” FOR:

Any group
Any size

DONATION REQUESTS:

- ☐ **WSM School Supplies List**
Our specific needs are dependent upon current inventory

HERE’S HOW:

- 1 Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2 Get current school supply inventory list from WSM
- 3 Set up a drop-off location at your organization, business, church, school, etc.
Set up bins for donated items.
- 4 Engage your community by posting on social media, word of mouth, and distributing flyers.
- 5 Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6 Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Winterizing WSM

As the weather gets colder, we start preparing...



FOR DRIVES IN:

October

November

December

IDEAL "RECIPE" FOR:

Any group

Any size

DONATION REQUESTS:

☐ Winter Hats

Please choose items that will protect in sub-zero temperatures and wind

☐ Coats

New or gently used

☐ Chapstick

☐ Ski Gloves

Please choose items that will protect in sub-zero temperatures and wind

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2 Plan your **Winterizing** Water Street Drive (start date, end date, goal)
- 3 Set up a drop-off location at your organization, business, church, school, etc.
Set up bins for donated items.
- 4 Advertise and promote your drive. Encourage everyone to spread the word and support you.
- 5 Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6 Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Giving Café

*Do you enjoy getting together with friends for coffee?
Warm the hands and hearts of our guests by hosting
a Giving Café Donation Drive!*



FOR DRIVES IN:
Any Month

IDEAL “RECIPE” FOR:
Small groups
Business Groups
Ministry Teams

DONATION REQUESTS:

- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ Powdered Creamer
- ☐ Sugar

- ☐ Stevia
For WSM guests who are diabetic
- ☐ Truvia
For WSM guests who are diabetic

HERE’S HOW:

- 1** Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2** Plan your **Giving Café** event (date, time, theme, etc.)
- 3** Invite family and friends and ask them to bring a donation (suggested items, above).
- 4** Have fun at your party!
- 5** Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6** Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Breakfast Bash

Help our guests start the day strong by hosting a Breakfast Bash Donation Drive!



FOR DRIVES IN:

Any Month

IDEAL "RECIPE" FOR:

Any group

Any size

DONATION REQUESTS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry Juice | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Cereal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Cereal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Sausage | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange juice | |

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2 Plan your **Breakfast Bash** (date, time, theme, etc.)
- 3 Invite family and friends and ask them to bring a donation (suggested items, above).
- 4 Have fun at your party!
- 5 Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6 Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Smile Party

Brushing our teeth and good oral hygiene play an important part in preventing gum disease, tooth decay, and a number of other health problems. Host a Smile Party to help keep our guests healthy!



FOR DRIVES IN:

Any Month

IDEAL “RECIPE” FOR:

Girl/Boy/Eagle Scouts
Student Groups

DONATION REQUESTS:

- ☐ Fluoride gel or rinse
- ☐ Denture kits
- ☐ Toothbrush timers for kids

HERE’S HOW:

- 1 Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2 Plan your **Smile Party** event (date, time, theme, etc.)
- 3 Invite family and friends and ask them to bring a donation (suggested items, above).
- 4 Have fun at your party! Create a photo booth and show off your smiles!
- 5 Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6 Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Sick Day

Getting sick is no fun! Help our guests fight illness by hosting a Sick Day Donation Drive at your organization!



FOR DRIVES IN:

October
November

December
January

IDEAL “RECIPE” FOR:

Any group
Any size

DONATION REQUESTS:

- ☐ Cough Drops
- ☐ Vitamin D3 1000 IU Supplements

- ☐ Over-The-Counter Cough And Cold Medicine
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer

HERE’S HOW:

- 1 Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2 Plan your **Sick Day** (date, time, theme, etc.)
- 3 Invite participants to “dress down” or wear pajamas to work/school if they bring a donation of one of the items listed above.
- 4 Have fun at your party!
- 5 Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6 Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Host & Sort

Do you have a large group of individuals who want to make an impact at Water Street? Consider hosting a donation drive and sorting party at your organization.



FOR DRIVES IN:
Any Month

IDEAL “RECIPE” FOR:
Large Groups

DONATION REQUESTS:

- ☐ Items Agreed Upon Between Host And Water Street

HERE’S HOW:

- 1** Sign up online to register your drive with Water Street
- 2** Set up your collection site (we can provide printable signs)
- 3** Spread the word! Share details of your drive on social media, in a newsletter or email, etc. (we can provide promotional downloads)
- 4** Throw a sort party at your organization at the end of your drive (boxes provided by WSM).
- 5** Coordinate a time to drop off your donations at Water Street, take a tour of our campus (if desired), and get your picture taken.
- 6** Thank your supporters (and we will post our thanks on social media, too)!

Donation FAQ

1 What are the food items you need most?

Please see **pg. 14** for a list of the food items we use most frequently.

2 What are the essential care items you need most?

Please see **pg. 15** for a list of the essential care items we use most frequently.

3 Where do we drop off our food/essential care item donations?

We receive these donations at our loading dock. Please see **pg. 15** for a map of our campus.

4 What days/times is the loading dock open?

Our loading dock is open Monday – Saturday (7:00am-5:30pm), and is closed on Sundays.

Please ring the bell upon your arrival so our staff can greet you and receive your donation.

If your organization is holding a donation drive, please coordinate a time with us to drop off your donations.

This way, we can provide a tour of campus (if desired) and take your picture (to thank you on social media).

5 Do you take clothing donations?

In order to keep staff focused on caring well for the needs of our campus guests and community neighbors, Water Street has partnered with thrift store experts – CommunityAid – to care for our guests' clothing needs.

When you donate your new or gently used items to CommunityAid on behalf of Water Street, CommunityAid donates a portion of their profits to us. Not only that, but they donate gift cards to their thrift store so our guests can shop for free!

The only clothing we currently accept are new/gently used coats, ski gloves, and winter hats. We also accept new underwear and new men's undershirts.

For more information about clothing donations, please visit our website at: **wsm.org/clothing**

6 Do you take handmade items (hats, scarves, blankets)?

We appreciate the time and care you put into creating handmade items. While these items are heart-felt and lovely, they do not adequately protect guests in negative degree weather and wind chill.

We are not receiving handmade items at this time. Thank you for understanding.

7 What kinds of items do you NOT accept?

We do not currently accept furniture, electronics, or toys unless otherwise specified on our website.

For a full list of items currently accepted/not accepted at Water Street, please visit the donation section of our website: **wsm.org**.

Food Items

Below is a list of food items we use most at Water Street:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Ham (8-10 pounds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tea | <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Stock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Powdered Creamer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Stock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar (Brown) | <input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar (Granulated White) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Vegetables for Salad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Salad Dressings & Condiments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Cheese (sliced) | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Vegetables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheddar Cheese (shredded) | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mozzarella Cheese (shredded) | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Soup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meals
(Spaghettios, Stews, Chili) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ketchup | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meats
(Tuna, Chicken, SPAM) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relish | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy in Can or Jar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef (roast beef or brisket) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken (whole, boneless
breast, or quarters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice (NO Large bags, please) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon | <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal (Hot or Cold) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Sausage | <input type="checkbox"/> Juice (OJ, Apple, Cranberry) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pork | |

Essential Care Items

Below is a list of essential care items we use most at Water Street:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canes | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough Drops | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Razors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Over the Counter Cough & Cold Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Razors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin D3 1000 IU Supplements | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Shaving Cream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Pill Boxes/Organizers | <input type="checkbox"/> Cologne or Body Spray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicotine Replacement Gum | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicotine Replacement Lozenges (2mg/4mg) | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Undershirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicotine Replacement Patches (21mg) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluoride Gel or Rinse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Sweeteners (Stevia, Truvia) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush Timers for Kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Diapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Denture Kits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flushable/Septic Safe Wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Diaper Cream |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Blankets |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Washcloths |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin Sheet Sets |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin Blankets |



***Loading dock is open Monday thru Saturday
7:00am - 5:30pm. Closed on Sundays***

"I just lost my son. I lost my daughter. I lost everything that was good to me. I decided it was time for a change so I came to the mission and they took me with open arms."

— Jamie

Former WSM Guest



Jamie Finds Healing

In the wake of losing her husband of 13 years to a motorcycle accident, Jamie turned to drugs to fill the void that had encompassed her. This downward spiral led to an overdose and resulting brain damage. Jamie was on life support, having lost her husband, custody of her children, and the trust of her family and friends.

Released from the hospital with nowhere else to go, Jamie found renewed hope at Water Street Mission. Through the genuine love of staff and volunteers, and programs designed to bring healing to the whole-person, Jamie was able to leave Water Street committed to God and now knowing her true identity in Christ. She is rebuilding her life on a firm foundation with a bright new future ahead.

