



## *Host a Donation Drive*

### Donation Drive Overview

Sarah's Circle appreciates donations of items that we can offer to women on a daily basis. Many donations received are used quickly and need to be replenished often. At certain times of the year there is a higher demand for specific items. If your group would like to host a donation drive on our behalf it is important to let us know so we can coordinate the donations being collected.

Donations of essential items help us address individual's immediate needs by providing life sustaining resources. Sarah's Circle prefers to accept donations between Monday and Friday from 10 am – 4pm. **Please review all material prior to collecting items on our behalf. Thank you!**

### Items that Sarah's Circle Accepts

The best place to check in regarding currently accepted donations is on the Sarah's Circle website under Home>Donations>In Kind Donations (<https://www.sarahs-circle.org/donations/in-kind-donations.html>). We update this list frequently, and it reflects our biggest current needs. Some things that we are always able to accept are: travel sized toiletries, new underwear and socks, & over the counter medication. **Sarah's Circle does not accept furniture, large household items, or CLOTHING.** Page 2 is a flier that can be used to communicate what items we are accepting. This we change seasonally, so if your flier does not reflect the current season, please contact Sarah's Circle staff for an updated document.

### How Items are Used

The Daytime Support Center of Sarah's Circle provides life necessities and supportive services for women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. Women come to our Daytime Center for a variety of reasons and are able to access the resources available to them. The staff provides a safe and welcoming environment. Donations of essential items provide a tremendous amount of support and enable Sarah's Circle to better meet the needs of the women at the Daytime Center. Items are made available to the women and are often utilized quickly for a women in need.

### Dropping off Items

Items collected for Sarah's Circle should be dropped off at the Daytime Support Center at **4838 N Sheridan Road**. We prefer to accept items Monday-Friday from 10 am – 4 pm. If you are providing a larger amount of donations (20 pounds or more), **please call to schedule a drop-off**. You can pull your vehicle in front of our location and will have to buzz-in at the front door. Go down the stairs to the front desk and someone will assist you.

Please schedule to drop off larger collections of items with the Volunteer Coordinator, Dakota Chisholm. She can be reached at 773.751.7454 or [dchisholm@sarahs-circle.org](mailto:dchisholm@sarahs-circle.org).

***Thank you for supporting Sarah's Circle!***



# Sarah's Circle

Helping Women Rebuild Their Lives

## Donate Essential Items to Women in Need!

### Mission

Sarah's Circle is a non-profit organization with a mission of serving women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. Located in Chicago's Uptown Community, Sarah's Circle has provided support for thousands of women since 1979.

### Items that Sarah's Circle Accepts: Summer

#### Items Currently in High Demand:

- New Underwear (larger sizes needed)\*\*\**currently in very high demand*
- Gently used backpacks or tote bags
- Adult Diapers for Women (sizes L, XL)
- New Socks (sizes L, XL)
- Sunscreen
- New or Gently Used Bras (larger sizes especially needed)
- Calendars, planners & journals, full or pocket sized
- Wide Tooth Combs
- Hair Oil
- Baby Powder
- Shea Butter
- Small Rubber Hair Bands
- Ventra Cards (single use or 1,3, or 7 day passes)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and Conditioner (travel size)
- Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, or Aspirin
- Disposable Razors
- Fish Oil and other vitamin supplements
- Cough Drops and Cold Medicine
- Ear Plugs and Headphones
- Nail Clippers/Files

#### Items that are Needed Regularly:

- Instant Coffee and Tea Bags (caffeinated and decaffeinated are appreciated)
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- New Bath Towels
- Chapstick
- New twin size bed sheets/linens
- Vaseline (travel size)
- Unused Cosmetics
- Nail Polish and Remover
- Umbrellas
- Plastic rain caps and plastic rain ponchos

#### Art Supplies

- Complete sheets/rolls of fabric for making clothing
- Acrylic color paint sets in boxes, such as 5 color sets
- Beading Materials: glass beads, metal or metallic beads, wooden beads,
- Wooden boxes with lids, such as cigar boxes or small treasure chests
- Other wooden enclosed containers for home projects, such as birdhouses
- Art Books featuring 19th and 20th century artists
- Colorful Yarns

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empower themselves.

