



12 Ways For Children and Families to help the Homeless

1. Raise funds by organizing a yard sale, bake sale, car wash, etc., and donate the proceeds to the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless.
2. Give directly to the homeless by carrying fast-food certificates, grocery store certificates, sandwiches, granola bars, etc. (Whether you choose to give or not, please don't look away as if the person doesn't exist. Making eye contact, saying a few words, or smiling can reaffirm the humanity of a person.)
3. Put together personal care kits to give out to homeless people, or to donate to the Boulder Shelter. Helpful items include soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, tissue, razor, wash cloth, socks, lip saver, etc.
4. At your next birthday party, ask guests to bring a donation for the Boulder Shelter (blankets, socks, gloves, or hats) instead of a gift.
5. Encourage your child to donate a week's allowance to an organization that helps the homeless. The Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Attention Homes, and Emergency Family Assistance Association are all located in Boulder.
6. Make sack lunches and drop them off at the Boulder Shelter for residents to take with them when they leave the following morning.
7. Coordinate a group of friends or family to come to the Boulder Shelter for a tour and to learn more about services the Shelter provides.
8. Children may donate last year's (still working) toys to the St. Vrain Family Center, 803 Third Street, Longmont, 303-776-5348.
9. Plant a row in your garden and donate the food to Community Food Share.
10. Donate school supplies to the St. Vrain Valley School District's Homeless Education Program.
11. Plan a presentation for your class, scout group, faith group, etc., by requesting a Shelter representative to come and talk to your group.
12. Purchase a holiday gift that someone at the Shelter will receive during our annual Christmas Eve party.

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