11 Ways for Children and Families to Help

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 someone experiencing homelessness 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 people experiencing homelessness, or to donate to the Boulder Shelter. Helpful items include soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, tissue, razor, socks, lip saver, etc.

4. At your next birthday party, ask guests to bring a donation for the Boulder Shelter (laundry detergent, coffee, socks, or cash) instead of a gift.

5. Encourage your child to donate a week’s allowance to an organization that helps those experiencing homelessness in our community. 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 when they leave in the 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. 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.

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