

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION



37. **Volunteer** at Project Homeless Connect www.volunteermatch.com or call 407-893-0133.
38. **Learn** more about homelessness from a guest speaker by contacting speakers@hscnfl.org.
39. **Prepare** "birthday baskets" for homeless children. Include cake mix, frosting, candles, birthday napkins, favors, a gift, etc for SafeHouse of Seminole or Sanford Rescue Outreach Mission.
40. **Serve** on a Board of one of our local community agencies and assist with decision-making that helps the homeless.
41. **Donate** work boots and sneakers to the Sunshine Community Thrift in Oviedo. 407-366-3422
42. **Volunteer** income tax filing assistance at any agency that helps the homeless.
43. **Learn** more about homelessness. Visit the National Alliance to End Homelessness www.endhomelessness.org.

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44. **Recognize** friends' birthdays by making donations in their names to The Sharing Center, the county's largest nonprofit provider of rent/utility assistance. 407-260-9155
45. **Write** to elected officials www.seminolecountyfl.gov and ask them what they are doing to help the homeless and discourage them from tearing down low-income housing.
46. **Ask** a local agency that serves homeless and needy families what they need and then designate a box at work, church, or school for those items.
47. **Buy** a few extra cans of food (buy one/get one free) and donate them to Jewish Family Services. 407-644-7593
48. **Learn** about affordable housing. Visit National Low Income Housing Coalition's web site at www.NLIHC.org.
49. **Learn** more about homeless children. Visit www.naehcy.org and www.serve.org/nche.
50. **Share** this list with work associates, family, and friends!



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50 Ways Our Community Can Help Families in Need in Seminole County



Families in Transition Program

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1. **Distribute** Learn more about homeless students rights and distribute a copy of 50 Ways our Community Can Help Needy Families in Seminole County by visiting www.seminolehomelesskids.org or call Families in Transitions call 407-746-8518.
2. **Donate** complimentary shampoo, soaps, etc. from hotels to the Sanford Rescue Mission. www.rescueoutreachmission.com
3. **Support** Pathways to Care, the only agency in the region providing medical care to homeless persons being discharged from hospitals with nowhere to go but the streets. 407-388-0245
4. **Learn** about the Sadowski Act www.1000friendsofflorida.org and write your elected officials to “scrap the cap” so more funding will be available to build affordable rental housing for very low income persons.
5. **Organize** a food drive through your church, social group or friends, or donate good-quality used clothing to The Sharing Center. 407-260-9155
6. **Donate** blankets, sleeping bags, and sweaters to Seminole Behavioral Healthcare’s Sanford HOPE Team www.seminolecares.org. They do outreach to the unsheltered homeless in our area. 407-321-HELP(4357).
7. **Employ** a homeless person at a livable wage (approximately \$21/hour for a single mother of two children), not just minimum wage.
8. **Donate** diapers and wipes to SafeHouse of Seminole. www.safehouseofseminole.org. 407-330-6933
9. **Volunteer** to mentor a homeless child in SCPS through the Stand Tall for Hope at (985) 774-7449 or go to chrisduhonstandtall.org
10. **Donate** your furniture to Sonshine Community Thrift www.helpforthehomeless.net and help needy families. 407-366-3422
11. **Provide** school supplies, new clothing or financial support for the Families in Transition Program, serving homeless students in SCPS. 407-746-8518
12. **Volunteer** to assist homeless teens at Covenant House. www.covenanthousefl.org 407-482-0404

13. **Learn** about the number of homeless individuals and families in Seminole County by visiting www.hsncl.org. Homeless Services Network’s Annual Point-in-Time Count will help you become informed about our homeless population and the housing needs of the homeless in our community.
14. **Donate** good quality work-appropriate clothing to Salvation Army. www.uss.salvationarmy.org. 407-322-2642
15. **Respond** with a kind word when you are approached for a handout for coffee or a meal.
16. **Volunteer** by putting your professional talents to work with the Seminole County Volunteer Program. www.scvp.org
17. **Provide** financial assistance for the Pathways to Home Program, a community collaborative to assist homeless families 407-320-7223. www.pathwaystohome.org
18. **Donate** spare event tickets to an agency supporting homeless families.
19. **Make** sack lunches for The Central Florida Dream Center. www.cfdreamcenter.org 407-302-0880
20. **Help** a homeless child with homework at the Rescue Outreach Mission. 407-321-8224
21. **Carry** fast food gift cards to give to the homeless who are hungry.
22. **Conduct** a kitchenware drive at your workplace to help homeless families who are getting into new housing and donate to The Vine in Oviedo. 407-971-8135
23. **Volunteer** with Habitat for Humanity to help with construction of housing for low-income families. www.Habitat.org
24. **Donate** new reading glasses to the Kiwanis Club. www.centorkiwanis.org 407-788-2245
25. **Adopt** an agency that serves the homeless and give them year-round support.

26. **Donate** new socks, underwear, jeans, sneakers and t-shirts to Seminole County School Social Workers. 407-746-8518
27. **Donate** children’s reading books (PreK-12th grades) to SafeHouse of Seminole 407-330-6933 or Rescue Outreach Mission 407-321-8224.
28. **Ask** your local school what they need for their homeless children (uniforms, supplies, etc.) and provide it.
29. **Volunteer** your time at Sonshine Pantry www.helpforhomeless.net; The Sharing Center www.thesharingcenter.org or Harvest Time International www.harvest-time.org.
30. **Make** welcome kits with everyday household basics for homeless families in transition and donate to the Families in Transition program. 407-746-8518
31. **Educate** your children to respect the dignity of all human beings.
32. **Encourage** your house of worship to get involved with the Interfaith Hospitality Network. www.familypromise.org
33. **Volunteer** on the 211 Hotline to help families in need find resources www.refersoftware.com. 407-839-HELP (4357) or 211
34. **Organize** a fundraiser for your favorite charity serving the homeless.
35. **Attend** a Children’s Cabinet meeting to find out how you can become involved in improving the lives of Children in Seminole County. www.seminolechildren.org
36. **Adopt** a family for the holidays through a local agency like Christian HELP 407-834-4022 or Salvation Army 407-322-2642.