



Serving Hungry and Homeless Long Islanders

YOUTH PROJECTS

DRIVES

Orchestrate a drive in your local community for:

- Non-perishable food
- Gently used towels
- Personal care items (travel size)
- Blankets
- Baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc.)
- Coats, hats, gloves, scarves
- Clothing (in season)
- NEW toys
- NEW socks & underwear

SHOWER KITS

Collect travel size personal care items and make shower kits. Kits may include: Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Towel/Wash Cloth, Toothbrush & Toothpaste

SCAVENGER HUNT

Organize a day of fun for your group! Let your local community know you will be collecting any of the above items and provide your neighbors with a pick up date for these items. Split your group up into teams and send them around the area. Award the group with the most food, most personal care items, most clothes etc. with a prize.

BAKE

Make dessert for the guest of the Mary Brennan INN (all must be wearing gloves and hats).

MISCELLANEOUS

Organize a Twister competition, a dance-a-thon, a “how many in the jar” contest, a bake sale, a MetroCard drive, a Valentine’s Day heart sale, etc. GET CREATIVE!



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BIRTHDAY IN A BOX

Fill a decorated box or bag with cake mix, frosting, candles, birthday decorations, card, and small gift. This will be distributed to our shelters and used to make a guest's birthday extra special.

MOVIE IN A BOX

Fill a decorated box or bag with all the components of a perfect movie night: microwave popcorn, candy, and a DVD. These boxes will be given to the guests living in our shelters for a special movie night!

PB & J

Hold a peanut butter and jelly drive. Make PB & J sandwiches for guests of The INN (all must be wearing gloves and hats).

BAGGED LUNCHES

Make bagged lunches for our guests to enjoy. Bagged lunches can include two sandwiches of your choice (if meat, no condiments necessary), a healthy snack, and a drink (all must be wearing gloves and hats).

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (9th – 12th GRADERS)

Become a student volunteer/representative and meet with other high school students from across Long Island to discuss ways in which you can encourage your peers to get involved in helping others in your communities. Meetings are held once a month at the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen, located in Hempstead.

INVITE AN INN REPRESENTATIVE TO YOUR NEXT MEETING

Invite an INN representative to do a presentation for your group. Learn about hunger and homelessness on Long Island, The INN's services, and ways your group can help.