



# Basic Needs Closet

The Samaritan Center's Basic Needs Closet provides the everyday essentials that help our guests feel confident and dignified.

## greatest needs

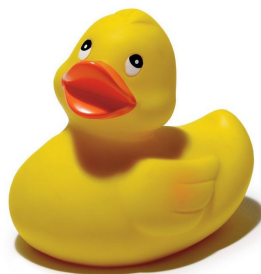
- Soap/Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant/Body Powder
- Lotion
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent (small size)
- Dish Soap (small size)

## seasonal needs

- Hand Warmers (September-March)
- Travel Mugs (September-March)
- Sunscreen (April-August)
- Ponchos (April-August)
- Reusable Water Bottles (April-August)

## basic needs

- Conditioner
- Razors
- Tissues
- Feminine Hygiene Products  
(especially pads)
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Washcloths/Loofas
- Chap Stick
- Q-Tips
- Band-Aids
- Hand Soap
- Shaving Cream
- Combs, Brushes, Picks
- Nail Clippers/Files
- Socks - especially men's sizes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Diapers (especially sizes 5 & 6)



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## Join in to Help

The Samaritan Center's Basic Needs Closet distributes everyday essentials, like soap, shampoo, deodorant & toilet paper. Individuals and families living in poverty find it difficult to access these items.

## Why it's Important

Toiletries cannot be purchased utilizing SNAP (food stamp) benefits and are rarely found in food pantries. These essentials often cost much more at convenience stores than at grocery/big box stores that are hard to access without transportation.

## How You Can Help

The Basic Needs Closet is stocked because of the kindness and generosity of our community. We cannot accept opened/used toiletry items. We are grateful for both traditional and travel sized toiletries. Donations of any size are appreciated.

In order to promote our guests' ability to choose items based on their individual need and to discourage waste, we prefer toiletry donations remain loose or unpackaged, rather than groups sorting them as "blessing bags".

## Drop-off Items

If you have a large donation, please give us a call to schedule a time to drop it off, so we can be ready to help you unload.

Drop-off times include Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-12:00PM

For more information on the Samaritan Center's Basic Needs Closet, email [guestservices@samcenter.org](mailto:guestservices@samcenter.org) or call (315) 472-0650 ext. 201.



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