

**The Links, Incorporated
Tacoma (WA) Chapter
HHS FACET**

HOMELESSNESS 2021-2022 PROGRAMMING

The HHS Subcommittee agreed to support the Family Shelter at Bethlehem Baptist Church during the 2021-2022 program year as follows:

I. Information Sessions for Residents

1. Support shelter residents and families by providing one (1) hour Information Sessions based on their need for mental health services, parenting skills, life skills, financial skills, job search skills, etc.
 - a. At the end of initial information session, survey residents to hear from them their interests and/or needs.
 - b. Develop one page survey with topics to choose from, with a write in suggestion.
2. Use ZOOM platform for Information Sessions, with one or two Committee Members on site for oversight and questions.
3. Presenters are from the Pierce County Health Department, NAMI and other organizations, depending on needs of the residents.
4. The Subcommittee will furnish food, treats, snacks, etc. on day of the session.
5. The Information Sessions will be held on the **second Tuesday** of the month, from 1:30 to 2:30, and ½ hour for questions, discussion, fellowship, if needed.
6. Six Information Sessions will run from **November 9, 2021- April 12, 2022.**

II. Resource Guide

1. Develop and distribute to residents a Resource Guide, based on the Resource Guide previously developed by Link Angela.
2. Leave copies at Shelter and have copies available at our events/programs.
Resource Guide completion date: **November 1, 2021**

III. Special Items for Residents

1. Distribute McDonalds' or Dairy Queen gift cards to residents.
2. Decide on a "Make my Day" or "I AM SPECIAL" day to award gift cards.
Committee can select a special day or distribute at an Information Session.

IV. Sock Drive

1. Talked about doing a sock drive. (Blankets too expensive for a subcommittee)
2. Decided should be a Chapter activity to increase size of donations.

V. Meal for Residents (revisit with subcommittee members)

Provide one meal for residents—can already be prepared, such as an Albertson’s chicken dinner with couple of fixings) I will take the lead, if no volunteers. **Jan 2022**

VI. Adopt a Family for the Holidays (Partnering with NTS and Arts Facets)

1. Determine needs and/or special wishes of the family.
2. Committee will set a spending limit.
3. Depending on number of volunteers from the partnership, we can pair up committee members to purchase items for families.

VIII. Dates for Information Sessions

Below is a summary of dates and food items for Information Sessions

Date	Time	Presenter	Food Item(s)	Links Volunteer	Miscellaneous
Nov.9, 2021	1:30- 2:30		Pizza		
Dec. 14,2021	1:30- 2:30		Desert (holiday cookies)		
Jan 11, 2022	1:30- 2:30		Pizza		
Feb 8, 2022	1:30- 2:30		Chicken +rolls		
Mar 8, 2022	1:30- 2:30		Desert		
April 12, 2022	1:30- 2:30		Pizza		
TBD					Meal Prep— (January 2022)

POWER OF TWO PROGRAMMING

URGENT NEEDS:

- **LETTER OF SOLICITATION/DONATION ASK** – NEED SOMEONE WITH GRANTWRITING/FUND DEVELOPMENT SKILLS TO HELP DEKODA WRITE A LETTER FOR SOLICITING HELP FROM ORGANIZATIONS. (SHE IS GETTING DONATIONS FROM THE DOLLAR TREE, COCA-COLA, BUT MOSTLY BY WORD OF MOUTH)
- **URGENT NEED FOR:**
 - **BABY ITEMS:** DIAPERS, BABY FOODS (RICE CEREALS, JAR FOOD)
 - **HYGIENE KITS:** SOAP, SANITARY NAPKINS, TOOTHBRUSHES/ TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SHAVING SUPPLIES
 - **BLANKETS, GLOVES, HATS, (POSSIBLE FALL DRIVE FOR ALL FACETS)**
 - FOOD DONATIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED
- **DEKODA HAS PROGRAMMING ON MONDAY EVENINGS FOR TEENS (10-12 KIDS)**
POWER PROGRAMMING (SAFETY, ADVOCATING FOR THEIR EDUCATION, ARTS)
NOV 22ND - OPENING FOR ART PROGRAMMING (WE CAN PROVIDE PIZZA)
LATONJA (ARTS FACET)
- **HELP WITH DELIVERIES AND ORGANIZING DONATIONS AT THE CHURCH (FIRST UNITED METHODIST),**
 - **ROUTE OF 97 STOPS/CLIENTS**
 - **USUALLY DELIVERS MON-THURS 8-4, BUT CAN DO SOME SATURDAYS IF WE ARE WILLING TO DELIVER (NEED TO PARTNER UP)**

PROGRAMMING FOR POWER OF TWO:

- **PARTNER WITH NTS BLANKET AND FOOD DRIVE (DONATE GLOVES)**
- **BUY DIAPERS, HYGIENE KITS FROM FACET FUNDS (NTSW/ARTS/HHS)**
- **MAKE HYGIENE KITS TOGETHER – MULTI-FACETS – SET DATE TO PUT KITS TOGETHER**
- **ARTS FACET – NOV 22 PROGRAMMING (WE CAN SUPPORT AND BRING PIZZA)**
- **VOLUNTEERS FOR DELIVERING ITEMS/ORGANIZING AT THE CHURCH – ALL FACET VOLUNTEERS**