

From the Synod Office

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How can you and your congregations help?

Immediate Local Needs

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Their families are in desperate need of the following items.

- Blow up mattress (300)
- Pillows (300)
- Clothing
- Hygiene
- Tooth brush
- Soap
- Hair brush
- Lotion
- Diapers all sizes
- Underwear for women and children all sizes
- Milk
- Snacks/juices for kids
- Towels
- Womens and kids sweats (neutral colors)
- Protein of all kinds (eggs, peanut butter, beans)
- Twin sheet sets (300)
- Blankets (300)
- Socks (kids sizes)
- Tooth paste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Q-tips
- Feminine hygiene
- Baby wipes
- Cereal
- Water
- Body Wash

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Sixty-one ladies are being relocated to Bakersfield, and they are in desperate need of clothes and personal hygiene items. Monetary donations be directed here, and hand-me-downs or toiletries that you can spare for these women can be delivered to:

Teen Challenge
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