

The holidays can be a tough time for people facing homelessness. Currently, one in four people are severely cost-burdened in local counties, making them vulnerable to homelessness. In 2020, over 1000 individuals sought out emergency shelter in our area, and of those, nearly half were children under the age of 18.

In order to make the holiday season a bit brighter for their shelter guests and transitional housing clients, Partners for Housing (the parent organization for Union Street Place emergency shelter in St. Peter) encourages community members to participate in the Holiday Bundles program. Participants are asked to purchase at least one item from each category below to create a family bundle.

Laundry Items

Laundry detergent pods, laundry baskets, hangers, dryer sheets, fabric softener, bathroom towels or rugs, hand soaps.

Entertainment

Board games, cards, outside sports, puzzles, movie tickets, video games

Toys

Crafts, coloring books, crayons, building blocks, action figures, multi-ethnic dolls, toy vehicles, learning toys, balls, bats, mitts

Kitchen

Pots, pans, silverware, kitchen towels, utensils, dishes, glasses, small appliances (microwaves, coffee pots, toasters)

Cleaning Supplies

Broom & dust pan, Swiffer, cleaning wipes, cleaning spray, cleaning towels, scrub brush, air freshener, sponges, gloves

Gift Cards

Walmart, Kwik Trip, Target, Casey's, Holiday, Aldi, grocery or other gift cards. Fuel only cards are in high demand.

Interested participants are encouraged to visit partnersforhousing.org/bundles so the organization can gauge the number of bundles to expect.

Bundles should be dropped off no later than December 14 th at one of the following locations:

- St. Peter Community Center. Community & Family Education - Room 209, 600 S. Fifth St., Saint Peter.
- Partners for Housing – Main Office, 12 Civic Center Plz., Ste 2145, Mankato.

Partners for Housing's mission is to guide individuals and families toward housing stability. Women and families seeking housing are encouraged to fill out an application at partnersforhousing.org. To become involved with their programs or to donate, please contact 507-387-2115 or visit the website listed above.