

Hope for Hope

With the recent change in government, we as members of the Public Service were given the gift of hope. Hope that we might finally see a reinvestment in public services and also a new respect for the work we do that has been missing for the last ten years.

With the Christmas season fast approaching (and also the cold weather) what better time to share our feelings of optimism with some people in our community who could use a little hope themselves.

As its first major initiative the soon to be officially formed Area Council for Saint John and Area, an area extending from Saint John through to St. Stephen, has contacted two homeless shelters in Saint John. With your help we would like to provide a little hope to the people that rely on those shelters in the form of some very basic necessities.

The Outflow Men's Shelter is a 20-bed emergency shelter for homeless men (aged 18+) and is the only year round men's shelter in Saint John. The shelter provides a warm and safe place to sleep, an evening refreshment upon arrival and a breakfast before leaving with access to laundry and shower facilities. They have indicated they are in need of socks, winter hats, mitts, scarves and also men's toiletries (razors, shaving cream, soap)

The Coverdale Centre for Women is also located in Saint John and provides both emergency short-term shelter as well as longer term housing along with other services showers, meals, laundry, case management and self help programs. They are also in need of socks, hats and mittens but underwear, pyjamas and women's toiletries as being in very short supply as well.

Let's make this happen! If you have any new, gently used or handmade items you could donate please do. Cash donations are also more than welcome. We are looking for one or two volunteers in each office to collect items and coordinate with our Area Council reps.

We are targeting Dec 17th as our final pickup and delivery day.

Please help if you can.

Thank you!

Your Saint John and Area Council

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Who Needs Hope:

The Outflow Men's Shelter and the Coverdale Women's Centre in Saint John.

What Does Hope Look Like:

- New, gently used, or handmade socks, hats, mittens, scarves.
- New underwear (women's), pyjamas (women's), toiletries (razors-men's, shaving cream, soap, shampoo),
- Cash donations.

When Do They Need It:

December 17th 2015

Talk to your Local Union rep(s) for details