

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Once I select a shelter location, what do I do?

A: Please click on the link labeled "wish list" found under the shelter location information on the pamphlet sent out to you. Begin collecting those items and remember you are not limited to only those items.

Q: How do I send the donations?

A: Once your chapter has collected items for your specific shelter, please take the following steps:

- a) Have complete count of all items being sent. (i.e. If you are sending a pack of 10 toothbrushes, count it as 10 items.)
- b) Pack all items in a box and label the box with large letters saying SOMA
- c) Include a packing slip with the count of your items, name of the chapter, contact information. (Please keep a copy of this packing slip for your records)
- d) Ship package to the shelter. Get a confirmation number for your records

Also, we understand that shipping is expensive so please begin fundraising as soon as possible.

Q: What if none of the shelters are close to your chapter's location?

A: We understand that there are only 15 shelters in the country and you may not have a shelter close to you at all. Just pick the closest shelter available to you.

Q: How to branch out into a smaller community to get them involved on this project?

A: Here are some ideas to get item and/or monetary donations

- a) Join forces with other organizations on your campus to collect items for your donation drive.
- b) Reach out to community leaders that will be interested in donating for your drive.
- c) Prepare a homelessness & youth awareness raising event in your community and hold the donation drive there.
- d) Reach out to local churches who may be interested in participating in your donation drive.
- e) Ask family members for item and/or monetary donations for your drive.
- f) Set up fundraising activities at school or in the community.