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"1909-2009, A Century of Caring"

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Dear Mr. Wright:

The Family Service Association (FSA) has been providing help for families and individuals since 1909. We need YOUR support to continue one of our valuable services, the HELPING HAND PROGRAM.

The HELPING HAND PROGRAM provides household cleaning and hygiene supplies to lower income families. These families often have Food Stamps that they can use to help stretch their food budgets and feed their families, but basic cleaning and personal hygiene supplies cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. Some of our clients have no income at all or are dealing with family emergencies that leave them with little or no funds to buy shampoo, soap, detergent, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.

We are asking your organization to consider helping us provide these services in one of the following ways:

- ❖ Collect cleaning and hygiene supplies (listed on the attached sheet) on a ONCE A MONTH basis. Each month your group could collect a specific item, for example in January, hand soap; in February, dish detergent; etc., OR make it a habit of bringing an item of any kind to your meetings. This is a good exercise in keeping the less fortunate in your organization's ongoing program planning.
- ❖ Do a ONE-TIME hygiene/cleaning products collection drive. The Family Service Association Staff can provide fliers/posters for you to use for this type of activity. This can be done as a "challenge" between departments or school classes.

THANK YOU for considering our request for helping with this service and joining other organizations in our wonderful Otsego County communities that have responded to the great need that exist. People should not have to choose between feeding their families and keeping themselves, their clothing and their homes clean. This is an important service to our community and truly needs your support. Please call me, Sharon Sisson, at 433-0214, and let me know what option your group would like to try or if you would like more information about our organization. Thank you for any help you might give us. All donations can be donated at the FSA building located on 277 Chestnut Street in Oneonta.

Sincerely,


Sharon Sisson, Chairperson
HELPING HANDS Committee



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HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

ITEMS NEEDED:

DEODORANT

SHAMPOO

CONDITIONER

BATH SOAP

SHAVING CREAM

RAZORS

TOOTHPASTE

TOOTHBRUSHES

LAUNDRY DETERGENT

DISHWASHING DETERGENT

TOILET PAPER

PAPER TOWELS

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS:

WINDOW CLEANER

FLOOR CLEANER

TOILET BOWL CLEANER

ALL-PURPOSE CLEANERS

FABRIC DEODORIZERS

SPONGES / MOPS / BROOMS / CLEANING CLOTHS

Basically, just think of what YOU need to keep your home and your family clean - all the items that you can think of are just what every other family can use, too!

And, THANK YOU!



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