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## How can you help?

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- Consider sponsoring one family this year with a gift of \$300 as a one time gift or \$25/month over the course of the year.

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- Consider getting sponsors for your 1-hour time slot to sleepout.
- Stop by the Sleepout to encourage those who are there.
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- Assist 497 adults and 390 children with vouchers totaling just over \$100,000 mostly for housing related needs including rent, security deposits, heat, electric, and water.
- Provide a total of over 24,000 items of clothing, small household items, books and toys free of charge through 1,891 contacts through the ministry of *The Clothes Closet*.
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- Security deposit to secure housing.
- Utilities such as electric, water, gas, & sewer with a shut-off notice.
- Fuel oil, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, wood pellets and is currently out, extremely low or has a propane lock out notice.
- Transportation out of the community to avoid being stranded
- Prescription medications

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