## OutReach Community Pantry Donation Wish List

Thank you for supporting our low-barrier food and essentials pantry at OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center!

Donated items must all be new, unopened, and unused – the only exceptions are items that are individually packed if the larger box/container is opened (i.e., granola bars, tampons, etc.) See end for a list of items that we *cannot* accept due to space limitations or other restrictions.

We can generally accept donations whenever OutReach is open, usually M-F 12-6 PM.

More specific questions? Want to organize a donation drive? Reach out to our pantry coordinator, Becca Bedell, <a href="mailto:beccab@lgbtoutreach.org">beccab@lgbtoutreach.org</a>. Learn more on our website: <a href="mailto:outreachmadisonlgbt.org/community-resources">outreachmadisonlgbt.org/community-resources</a>

## **Accepted Donations**

- 1. Gift cards / financial assistance, for example:
  - a. Gas station gift cards
  - b. Grocery store gift cards (e.g., Woodmans, Walmart, etc.)
  - c. Bus passes
  - d. Other gift cards
- 2. Non-perishable, relatively easy-to-cook food, for example:
  - a. Instant ramen/noodles
  - b. Shelf-stable microwavable food (e.g. rice)
  - c. Pasta
  - d. Pasta sauce
  - e. Canned goods
  - f. Tuna and other canned proteins like chicken
  - g. Snacks like crackers, chips, granola bars
  - h. Cereal and oatmeal
  - i. Coffee and tea
  - j. Shelf-stable juice
  - k. Shelf-stable or powdered milk
  - I. Bottled water (all sizes and quantities)
- 3. Personal care items (travel and full sized), for example:
  - a. Shampoo and conditioner
  - b. Lotion
  - c. Textured hair care products
  - d. Soap, body wash, face wash
  - e. Menstrual care products like tampons or pads
  - f. Baby wipes and/or body wipes
  - g. Razors and shaving supplies

- h. Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- i. Chapstick/lip balm/Vaseline/Aquaphor
- 4. Medical supplies, for example:
  - a. Band-aids
  - b. Gauze
  - c. Alcohol wipes
  - d. Hand sanitizer
  - e. For information on donating syringes and sharps containers, contact our Harm Reduction Services Director Tarah Stangler at tarahs@lgbtoutreach.org.
- 5. Cleaning supplies, for example:
  - a. Dish soap
  - b. Laundry soap
  - c. Cleaning spray
  - d. Cleaning wipes
- 6. Household supplies, for example:
  - a. Toilet paper
  - b. Paper towels
  - c. Can openers
  - d. Disposable plates, bowls, cups
  - e. Disposable silverware
- 7. Other, such as:
  - a. Winter hats, scarves, gloves
  - b. Socks
  - c. Hand and foot warmers
  - d. Diapers
  - e. Formula

## **Unaccepted Donations**

Due to limitations on storage space, staff time, or legal regulations, unfortunately **we cannot** accept the following donations from community members:

- Clothing like shirts, pants, coats, underwear, etc. anything other than socks or accessories
- 2. Perishable foods (i.e., foods that must be refrigerated)
- 3. Partially used/opened foods
- 4. Partially used/opened personal care products
- 5. Any medications, including over-the-counter medications like acetaminophen (Tylenol, etc.) or ibuprofen (Motrin, etc.)
- 6. Food that is moldy or otherwise spoiled
- 7. Cans that are dented on a seam or swollen
- 8. Any cans, bottles, etc., with missing labels
- 9. Any boxes that are stained or wet
- 10. Any product that is leaking or open
- 11. Any baby food or formula that is expired